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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 3346**

**EDUCATION, ENGLAND**

**The Designation of Rural Primary  
Schools (England) Order 2009**

*Made - - - - 17th December 2009*

The Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families makes the following Order in exercise of powers conferred by section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006<sup>(1)</sup>:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as The Designation of Rural Primary Schools (England) Order 2009 and comes into force on 21st December 2009.

**Designation of rural primary schools.**

2. The schools published on the Department for Children, Schools and Families' website in a list called "Designated Rural Primary Schools" on 21st December 2009 are designated as rural primary schools in England.

**Revocation**

3. The Designation of Rural Primary Schools (England) Order 2008<sup>(2)</sup> is revoked.

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State

17th December 2009

*P S A Jones*  
Deputy Director  
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(1) 2006 c.40.  
(2) S.I. 2008/2035.

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order designates those primary schools in England which are rural primary schools for the purpose of section 15(7)(b) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

This order revokes The Designation of Rural Primary Schools (England) Order 2008 as a new list of designated rural primary schools has been prepared by the Department.

Section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 requires that when formulating proposals for the closure of a rural primary school, those proposing the closure must have regard to specific factors. These factors include the likely effect of the discontinuance on the local community and any alternatives to the discontinuance of the school. The decision makers must also consult parents and the district and parish councils. This order designates rural primary schools by reference to a list of such schools published on the Department of Children, Schools and Families' website (<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/schoolorg/useful-links.cfm>). When considering proposals to close rural primary schools, decision makers should refer to this list. A copy can also be obtained by writing to the Department at the following address:

School Organisation and Competitions Unit, 2F Area D, DCSF, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington DL3 9BG.