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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 49 (W.17) (C.5)**

**EDUCATION, WALES**

**The Education and Inspections Act 2006  
(Commencement No. 2) (Wales) Order 2009**

*Made - - - - 14 January 2009*

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the National Assembly for Wales by sections 181 and 188(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006<sup>(1)</sup>, and now vested in them<sup>(2)</sup>, make the following Order:

**Title**

1. The title of this Order is the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (Commencement No. 2) (Wales) Order 2009.

**Appointed Day**

2. Section 55 (Right of sixth form pupils to be excused from attendance at religious worship) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 is to come into force on 9 February 2009 in relation to Wales.

14 January 2009

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(1) [2006 c. 40](#).

(2) By virtue of paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act [2006 \(c. 32\)](#).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Order brings section 55 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (the 2006 Act) into force on 9 February 2009.

Section 55 of the 2006 Act amends section 71 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 so as to enable sixth form pupils at maintained schools to withdraw from religious worship and so as to require a governing body to make arrangements for giving sixth form pupils who are boarders, if they so request, a reasonable opportunity to attend religious education or worship in accordance with the tenets of a particular religion. It also requires regulations to make provision enabling sixth form pupils at maintained special schools to withdraw from religious worship.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

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

The following provisions of the 2006 Act have been brought into force in relation to Wales by Commencement Orders made before the date of this Order:

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 1	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 37 (1) and (2)(a)	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 38	1 September 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 39	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 40	1 September 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Sections 43 — 45	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 47	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 53	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 156	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 166	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 175	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 184 in part	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Section 184 in part	1 September 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Schedule 17	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Schedule 18 in part	30 June 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>
Schedule 18 in part	1 September 2008	<a href="#">2008/1429 (W.148)</a>

Various provisions of the 2006 Act have been brought into force in relation to England by the following Statutory Instruments: S.I. [2006/2990](#) as amended by S.I. [2008/54](#), S.I. [2006/3400](#), S.I.

[2007/935](#) (as amended by S.I. [2007/1271](#)), S.I. [2007/1271](#), S.I. [2007/1801](#), S.I. [2007/3074](#) and S.I. [2008/1971](#).

See also section 188 (1) and (2) for the provisions that came into force on 8 November 2006 (date of Royal Assent) and 8 January 2007 (two months thereafter).