

These notes refer to the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021 (asc 4) (c.4) which received Royal Assent on 29 April 2021

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 - Basic Concepts and Key Documents

Sections 2 to 4 – Basic concepts

13. These sections set out basic concepts that have effect in relation to a curriculum for the pupils and children described in section 1.
14. [Section 3](#) lists the areas of learning and experience and the mandatory elements within them. The mandatory elements are English; Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE); Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE); and Welsh. But subsection (3) provides that English is not to be treated as being a mandatory element of a curriculum for:
 - a class in which most pupils are aged under seven, or
 - funded non-maintained nursery education, or
 - pupils and children aged under seven for whom education is provided in a pupil referral unit or otherwise under section 19A of the Education Act 1996 (discussed further below).