

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

Schedule 1 - Religion, Values and Ethics

Parts 1 and 2 – Curriculum design and implementation

Voluntary aided schools that have a religious character

201. In the case of voluntary aided schools with a religious character, paragraph 4(2) of the Schedule requires the curriculum to make provision for teaching and learning in respect of RVE that accords with the school's trust deed or the tenets of its religion or denomination.
202. Again, there is an additional requirement (see paragraph 4(3) and 4(4) of the Schedule). For schools of this type, the additional requirement applies only if the provision that has been designed under paragraph 4(2) (i.e. which accords with the trust deed or tenets of the school's religion or denomination) does not accord with the agreed syllabus. In this case, the school's curriculum must also include provision for RVE that has been designed having regard to the agreed syllabus.
203. [Paragraph 8\(2\)](#) of the Schedule requires the teaching and learning secured for pupils to be that for which provision has been made in the curriculum under paragraph 4(2) of the Schedule (i.e. the provision that accords with the school's trust deed or its religion or denomination).
204. But again there is an exception to this general requirement. Paragraph 8(3) and (4) of the Schedule enable a pupil's parents to request that their child be provided, instead, with the teaching and learning for which the curriculum makes provision under paragraph 4(4) (i.e. with the additional provision designed having regard to the agreed syllabus). If a request of this type is made, it must be complied with.