2004 No. 657

EDUCATION, ENGLAND

The Blackburn with Darwen (Maintained Nursery School Governance) Order 2004

Made	10th March 2004
Laid before Parliament	10th March 2004
Coming into force	31st March 2004

Whereas the Council of the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen acting in its capacity as a local education authority ("the authority") has, in accordance with section 4(2) of the Education Act 2002(1) ("the Act"), consulted such persons as appear to them to be appropriate;

Whereas it is the opinion of the Secretary of State, having regard to the matters set out in section 1(2) of the Act, that the implementation by the authority of the provisions of this Order may contribute to the raising of educational standards achieved by children in England;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Secretary of State by section 2(1) of the Act, the Secretary of State for Education and Skills, on the application of the authority, makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Blackburn with Darwen (Maintained Nursery School Governance) Order 2004 and shall come into force on 31st March 2004.

(2) In this Order —

- "the 1996 Act" means the Education Act 1996 (2);
- "the 1998 Act" means the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (3);

"the Act" means the Education Act 2002;

"the nursery schools" means the seven maintained nursery schools listed in the Schedule.

Exemption

2. The following provisions shall not, in respect of the nursery schools, apply to the authority:

^{(1) 2002} c. 32

^{(2) 1996} c. 56

⁽**3**) 1998 c. 31

- (a) section 19(1) of the Act (requirement for maintained schools to have a governing body), and
- (b) section 20(1) of the Act (requirement for maintained schools to have an instrument of government).

Modification

3. The following provisions shall, in respect of the authority and their responsibilities towards the nursery schools, be modified to the extent provided:

- (a) sections 317(1), 317A(1)and 329A(13)(a) of the 1996 Act (4) (special educational needs) as if the amendments made by paragraphs 39(2), 40 and 44 of Schedule 21 to the Act were not made;
- (b) sections 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 21 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to, the School Inspections Act 1996 (5) (school inspections) as if the amendments made by paragraphs 60, 61, 62, 63(a), 64, 65 and 67 of Schedule 21 to the Act were not made;
- (c) section 45(1A) (6) of the 1998 Act (definition of "maintained school" for purposes of budget share), as if paragraph (c) of that subsection were omitted;
- (d) sections 61 and 62 of the 1998 Act (school discipline) as if the amendments made by paragraphs 102 and 103 of Schedule 21 to the Act were not made;
- (e) section 21(1) of the Act (general conduct of the school) as if the reference to the "school's governing body" were a reference to the authority;
- (f) section 21(2) of the Act (conduct of the school with view to promoting high standards) as if the reference to the "governing body" were a reference to the authority;
- (g) section 32(1)(b) of the Act (times of school sessions), as if the reference to the "governing body" were a reference to the authority;
- (h) section 52(5)(a) of the Act (pupil exclusion), as if the words "such person or body as may be appointed for that purpose by the authority" were substituted for the words "governing body of the school";
- (i) section 90(3) of the Act (development work and experiments)
 - (i) as if the words "with the agreement of the governing body" were omitted from paragraph (b), and
 - (ii) as if the words "both" and "and the governing body" were omitted from paragraph (c);
- (j) section 95 of the Act (appeals against direction for temporary exceptions for individual pupils) as if references to the "governing body" in each place where they occur were references to the authority;
- (k) the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2002 (7), as if the words "such person or body as may be appointed for that purpose by the local education authority" were substituted for the words "governing body" in each place where they occur;
- (l) the LEA Budget, Schools Budget and Individual Schools Budget (England) Regulations 2003 (8):
 - (i) as if paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 was omitted, and

⁽⁴⁾ Part IV of the 1996 Act was amended by the 1998 Act and the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001.

^{(5) 1996} c. 57

⁽⁶⁾ Section 45(1A) of the 1998 Act was inserted by paragraph 99 of Schedule 21 to the 2002 Act.

⁽⁷⁾ S.I 2002/3178

⁽⁸⁾ S.I 2003/3170

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- (ii) as if the words "which will cease to be maintained on or before 31st August 2004" were omitted from paragraph 25 of Schedule 3; and
- (m) the Financing of Maintained Schools (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (9), to omit the words "or a maintained nursery school" from regulation 1(3)(p).

4.—(1) The arrangements for the staffing of the nursery schools shall be determined by the authority.

(2) The authority may appoint, suspend and dismiss teachers and other staff at the nursery schools as the authority think fit. (10)

Time period

5. This order shall have effect until 30th March 2007.

10th March 2004

David Miliband Minister of State, Department for Education and Skills

(**9**) S.I 2003/3247

⁽¹⁰⁾ This article is a modification of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 2 to the 2002 Act.

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SCHEDULE

Article 1

MAINTAINED NURSERY SCHOOLS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE EXEMPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS ARE MADE

SCHOOL	DfES NUMBER	
Ashworth Nursery School	1029	
Addison Close		
Blackburn		
BB2 1QU		
Audley Nursery School	1032	
Queens Road		
Blackburn		
BB1 1QG		
Brunel Nursery School	1030	
Cambridge Street		
Blackburn		
BB1 1HN		
Chapels Nursery School	1038	
Winterton Road		
Darwen		
BB3 0ER		
John Smethurst Nursery School	1025	
St James's Road		
Blackburn		
BB1 8ES		
Kelsall Avenue Nursery School	1023	
Kelsall Avenue		
Blackburn		
BB1 5RU		
Seven Trees Nursery School	1048	

SCHOOL

DfES NUMBER

Whalley Street

Blackburn

BB1 6ER

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made under section 2 of the Education Act 2002, and in Article 2 exempts the Council of Borough of Blackburn with Darwen from the requirement in Part 3 of that Act to constitute a governing body for seven of its nine maintained nursery schools. Articles 3 and 4 make various modifications of education law consequential on that exemption. Article 5 provides that the Order has effect for a period of three years.