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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings certain provisions of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 into force on 1st October 1998, 1st December 1998, 1st February 1999 and 1st April 1999 respectively.

The provisions brought into force on 1st October 1998 include the duty on local education authorities to promote high standards in primary and secondary education, education development plans, intervention in local education authorities, intervention in schools causing concern (partially), parent governor representatives on education committees, nursery education and the inspection thereof, the financing of maintained schools, school admissions and school attendance targets.

The provisions brought into force on 1st December 1998 relate to a regulation making power in respect of excluded pupils and to restrictions on the publication of material relating to grammar school ballots.

The provisions brought into force on 1st February 1999 relate to home school agreements and prescribed requirements for school playing fields.

The provisions brought into force on 1st April 1999 are further provisions relating to the financing of maintained schools. A new section 509A is also inserted in the Education Act 1996 regarding travel arrangements for children receiving nursery education otherwise than at school. Further provision is also made in relation to partnership arrangements in Wales.