

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into operation on 31st December 1998 Article 16 of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, which enables the Department to make Regulations for the purpose of imposing a statutory limit on the size of any class of pupils in key stage 1 of their compulsory education.

The Order also brings into operation on that date Article 88(3) of, and Schedule 4 to, the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, which make provision for safeguarding the interests of persons who enter into certified contracts.