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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 24(2) of the Education Act 1993 requires the governing bodies of all schools which are eligible for grant-maintained status and to whom the section applies to consider, at least once in every school year, whether to hold a ballot of parents on the question of whether grant-maintained status should be sought for the school. Under section 24(1) of that Act the Secretary of State may by order provide for section 24 to apply to the governing bodies of all schools, or all schools in England or Wales, which are eligible for grant-maintained status. This Order provides for section 24 to apply to the governing bodies of all schools in Wales which are eligible for grant-maintained status.