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The Special Educational Needs (Information) Act 2008 (Commencement) Order 2008

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The Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(3) of the Special Educational Needs (Information) Act 2008(a).

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Special Educational Needs (Information) Act 2008 (Commencement) Order 2008.

Provision coming into force on 1st January 2009

2. Section 1 of the Special Educational Needs (Information) Act 2008 comes into force on 1st January 2009.

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6th October 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order commences section 1 of the Special Educational Needs (Information) Act 1998 on 1st January 2009. That section inserts sections 332C to 332E into Part 4 of the Education Act 1996. Those provisions impose a duty on the Secretary of State to exercise relevant powers (as defined in section 332C(2)) with a view to securing the provision of information about children in England with special educational needs ("SEN") which would, in his opinion, be likely to assist him or others in improving the well-being of such children; and to publish, or arrange to be published, certain information about children with SEN to assist him, or others, to improve their well-being. The Secretary of State has discretion as to the manner of publication, except that the information must be published on an anonymised basis.

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