
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 50(3)(a) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 allows the governing body of a maintained school to spend its budget share on any purpose of the school. These Regulations set out additional purposes on which the governing body can spend its budget share. These purposes are the provision of teaching and of associated services and items to children and young persons who are not registered pupils at the school, and in relation to maintained nursery schools only, educational or other provision for children on the premises of the school and administrative support to other maintained nursery schools. The governing body must report annually to its local education authority on such expenditure. A school can therefore supply educational services to children and young persons who are not registered pupils at the school using its own budget share rather than having to reclaim amounts from other schools.

The Schools Budget Shares (Wales) Regulations 2004 are also amended so as to allow local authorities to include sums in the budget shares of maintained schools in respect of provision made in accordance with these regulations.