

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations amend the Education (Maintained Special Schools) (Wales) Regulations 1999 by substituting a new regulation 12. The change it makes from the previous regulation is to allow a sixth form pupil to withdraw from religious worship at a special school if the pupil so wishes. A sixth form pupil is defined in section 71(8) of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 as any pupil who has ceased to be of compulsory school age and who is receiving education suitable to the requirements of pupils over compulsory school age. This aligns the law with that for mainstream schools in section 71 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as amended by section 55 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.