EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made under sections 19, 54(3) and (4) of the Education Act 1997 and sections 63 and 138(7) and (8) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. They repeal and re-enact with changes the Education (School Performance and Absence Targets) (Wales) Regulations 1999.

Regulation 3 requires school governing bodies to set performance targets for pupils in the second key stage. Regulation 4 requires governing bodies to set performance targets for pupils in the third key stage, and regulation 5 requires governing bodies to set performance targets for pupils in the fourth key stage.

Regulation 6 requires the governing body of every maintained school providing secondary education to set final, reviewed and provisional targets in respect of pupils' unauthorised absence from school for 1 and 2 years ahead. Information concerning these targets and the actual unauthorised absence rate will have to be published every year with the governing body's annual report.