## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 108(2)(b)(iii) and (3) of the Education Act 2002 provides a power for the Welsh Ministers to prescribe by way of an Order educational programmes in respect of the foundation phase and programmes of study in respect of the key stages. The educational programmes and programmes of study set out what pupils must be taught.

The current educational programmes for the areas of learning in the foundation phase were given legal effect by the Education (National Curriculum) (Foundation Stage) (Wales) Order 2008. The current programmes of study for the subjects in the second, third and fourth key stages were given legal effect by the Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study) (Wales) Order 2008.

This Order gives legal effect to additional educational programmes for the language, literacy and communication skills and mathematical development areas of learning in the foundation phase (Part 1 of the Order).

This Order also gives legal effect to the additional programmes of study in English, Welsh and mathematics in the second and third key stages (Part 2 of the Order).