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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order appoints 1 November 2018 as the day on which the School Organisation Code (“the Code”) issued under sections 38 and 39 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (“the SSOA 2013”) by the Welsh Ministers, comes into force.

The Code replaces the School Organisation Code which came into force on 1 October 2013.

The Code imposes requirements and includes guidelines setting out aims, objectives or other matters in relation to school organisation proposals made under Part 3 of the SSOA 2013. Under section 38(4) of the SSOA 2013, it is the duty of the Welsh Ministers, local authorities, the governing bodies of maintained schools and other persons, when exercising functions under Part 3 of the SSOA 2013, to act in accordance with any relevant provisions of the Code. In addition, any other person, when exercising any function for the purpose of the discharge by the Welsh Ministers, a local authority or the governing body of a maintained school of functions under that Part, must act in accordance with any relevant provisions of the Code.