In exercise of the powers conferred by section 100(1)(b) and (3) of the Education Act 1944(1) and vested in the Secretary of State(2), the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation, commencement, application and interpretation

1. —(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Grants) (Music, Ballet and Choir Schools) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 25th August 1996.

   (2) These Regulations shall apply to a school year beginning on or after the date mentioned in paragraph (1).

   (3) In these Regulations, a reference to the principal Regulations is a reference to the Education (Grants) (Music, Ballet and Choir Schools) Regulations 1995(3).

Amendments to the Principal Regulations

2. The principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 6 below.

3. For the list of schools in regulation 3(1) there is substituted—

   “The Arts Educational School, Tring, Hertfordshire;
   The Chetham’s School of Music, Manchester;
   The Elmhurst Ballet School, Camberley, Surrey;
   The Purcell School, Harrow;
   The Royal Ballet School, London;
The Wells Cathedral School, Somerset; and
The Yehudi Menuhin School, Surrey;”.

4. In Schedule 1—

(a) in sub-paragraphs (3) and (5) of paragraph 8, for “£1,165” in each place where it occurs, there is substituted “£1,200”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 13, for “£8,239” there is substituted “£8,498”;

(c) for the table in sub-paragraph (3) of paragraph 13, there is substituted the following table—

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<td>Part of the relevant income to which specified percentage applies</td>
<td>Only aided pupil</td>
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<td>That part which exceeds £8,349 but does not exceed £10,538</td>
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(d) in paragraph 14—

(i) in sub-paragraph (2), for “£10,360” there is substituted “£10,687”, and

(ii) in sub-paragraph (3), for “£10,211” there is substituted “£10,538”;

(e) for paragraph 17(3), there is substituted—

“(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (6), the school shall pay uniform grant to the parents in the case of an aided pupil—

(i) who is in his first year at a school as an aided pupil, and

(ii) as regards whom the relevant income does not exceed £11,056, of an amount equal to so much of the parents' clothing expenditure as does not exceed—

(a) £169 where the relevant income does not exceed £9,707;

(b) £127 where that income exceeds £9,707 but does not exceed £10,159;

(c) £83 where that income exceeds £10,159 but does not exceed £10,595; and

(d) £43 where that income exceeds £10,595 but does not exceed £11,056.”;

(f) for paragraph 17(5), there is substituted—

“(5) Except where sub-paragraph (3) applies, a school shall, subject to sub-paragraph (6), pay uniform grant in the case of an aided pupil as regards whom the relevant income does not exceed £10,595 and in such case the grant shall be of an amount equal to so much of the clothing expenditure (disregarding expenditure in respect of which a previous grant has been paid) as does not exceed—

(a) £63 where the relevant income does not exceed £9,873; and

(b) £33 where that income exceeds £9,873 but does not exceed £10,595.”;
(g) in paragraph 19(2)—
   (i) in sub-paragraph (a), for “£9,585” there is substituted “£9,886”, and
   (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for “£9,406” there is substituted “£9,707”; and
(h) for sub-paragraphs (e) and (f) of paragraph 24, there are substituted—
   “(e) modern languages at advanced level,
   (f) theatre studies,
   (g) zoology, or
   (h) any other subject approved for the purposes of this paragraph by the Secretary of State,”.

5. In Schedule 2, for paragraph 3 there is substituted—

   “Selection of aided pupils

3. Aided places shall only be granted in the case of children who will be provided—
   (a) with education in ballet dancing at—
      (i) the Arts Educational School,
      (ii) the Elmhurst Ballet School, or
      (iii) the Royal Ballet School; or
   (b) with education in music (otherwise than wholly or mainly in connection with singing in a choir) at any other school.”.

6. In the list of choir schools in Schedule 3, after “St John’s College School, Cambridge” there is inserted “St John’s College, Cardiff”.

   Cheryl Gillan
   Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Education and Employment

   26th July 1996

   Jonathan Evans
   Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Welsh Office

   31st July 1996
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Education (Grants) (Music, Ballet and Choir Schools) Regulations 1995 in respect of a school year beginning on or after 25th August 1996.

Regulation 3 of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to, the 1995 Regulations are amended in order to add the Arts Educational School, Tring and the Elmhurst Ballet School, Camberley to the list of music and ballet schools participating in the aided pupil scheme (regulations 3 and 5).

Schedule 1 of the 1995 Regulations (which establishes the aided pupil scheme, sets out conditions of eligibility for aided places, and provides for remission of fees, payment of grant and administrative provisions) is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 8, the reduction to be made in relevant income in respect of dependent relatives pursuant to sub-paragraphs (3) and (5) is increased to £1,200 (from £1,165);

(b) in paragraphs 13 and 14, the means tests for the remission of fees is relaxed: the level of income at or below which fees are to be wholly remitted is set at £8,498 instead of £8,239 (in respect of boarding pupils), and £10,687 instead of £10,360 (in respect of day pupils), with corresponding increases in the extent of remission where relevant income exceeds those sums;

(c) in paragraphs 17 and 18, the means tests for uniform and travel grants are relaxed and the amount of grant payable increased; and

(d) in paragraph 24, theatre studies and modern languages at advanced level are added to the list of subjects in respect of which a school is required to remit its charges as regards the participation in field study courses of certain aided pupils (regulation 4).

Schedule 3 to the 1995 Regulations is amended in order to add St John’s College, Cardiff to the list of choir schools in respect of which the Secretary of State is empowered to pay grant pursuant to Part IV of the 1995 Regulations (regulation 6).