The Construction Industry Scheme

1. Introduction
1.1 The Government passed legislation regulating the operation of the Construction Industry Scheme that came into effect on 6 April 2007. Construction work undertaken at schools with a delegated budget is now outside of the CIS where the head teacher or governing body is responsible for placing the contracts.

2. Schools Responsibilities
2.1 To be aware that where construction work falls outside of the contractual arrangements set out above the CIS may still apply to work undertaken at schools
2.2 To provide any necessary information to allow Property Department to operate the CIS where appropriate.

3. Principles
3.1 There are two criteria for the exemption from the CIS to apply.
3.2 The first is that the school must have a delegated budget, and the second is that the contract has to be between the head teacher or governing body of the school and the subcontractor
3.3 Construction work will remain within the CIS where:
   - Major building work is funded centrally but where the school is self managing the project, or
   - Central contracts are placed in an emergency to secure the fabric of the school e.g. the roof was damaged by severe weather conditions.