



School Standards and Framework Act 1998

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PART II

NEW FRAMEWORK FOR MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

CHAPTER III

GOVERNMENT OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

Functions of governing body

38 General responsibility of governing body for conduct of school

- (1) Subject to any other statutory provision, the conduct of a maintained school shall be under the direction of the school's governing body.
- (2) The governing body shall conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement at the school.
- (3) Regulations may—
 - (a) set out terms of reference for governing bodies of maintained schools;
 - (b) define the respective roles and responsibilities of governing bodies and head teachers of such schools, whether generally or with respect to particular matters, including the curriculum for such schools;
 - (c) confer functions on governing bodies and head teachers of such schools.
- (4) The governing body of a maintained school shall, in discharging their functions, comply with—
 - (a) the instrument of government; and
 - (b) (subject to any other statutory provision) any trust deed relating to the school.

39 Additional functions of governing body

- (1) The governing body of a maintained school shall in accordance with regulations—
 - (a) establish procedures for dealing with all complaints relating to the school other than those falling to be dealt with in accordance with any procedures required to be established in relation to the school by virtue of any other statutory provision; and
 - (b) publicise the procedures so established.
- (2) The governing body of a maintained school may require pupils in attendance at the school to attend at any place outside the school premises for the purpose of receiving any instruction or training included in the secular curriculum for the school.
- (3) The governing body and head teacher of—
 - (a) a community or voluntary controlled school, or
 - (b) a community special school,shall comply with any direction given to them by the local education authority concerning the health or safety of persons on the school's premises or taking part in any school activities elsewhere.