



## 2022 CHAPTER 15

### *Integrated education*

#### **Meaning of “integrated education”**

1.—(1) “Integrated education” means the education together, in an integrated school, of—

- (a) those of different cultures and religious beliefs and of none, including reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic children or young persons;
- (b) those who are experiencing socio-economic deprivation and those who are not; and
- (c) those of different abilities.

(2) An “integrated school” is a school which—

- (a) intentionally supports, protects and advances an ethos of diversity, respect and understanding between those of different cultures and religious beliefs and of none, between those of different socio-economic backgrounds and between those of different abilities, and

(b) has acquired—

- (i) grant-maintained integrated status, or
- (ii) controlled integrated status

under the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) apply for the purposes of—

- (a) this Act;
- (b) the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;

- (c) section 2(3A) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (inserted by section 4 of this Act);
- (d) the Shared Education (Northern Ireland) Act 2016; and
- (e) any other provision of Northern Ireland legislation (unless it contains a different definition).