
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1759

Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

PART IX

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Miscellaneous

Pupil referral units

87.—(1) In the Education Orders “pupil referral unit” means a controlled or maintained school (other than a special school or a school established in a hospital) which—

- (a) is specially organised to provide education for children to whom Article 86(1) applies; and
- (b) is approved by the Department as a pupil referral unit.

(2) The Department may by regulations subject to affirmative resolution—

- (a) provide for any statutory provision relating to grant-aided schools (or to a class or description of grant-aided schools)—
 - (i) not to apply in relation to pupil referral units; or
 - (ii) to apply in relation to such units with such modifications as may be prescribed; and
- (b) make such other provision in relation to pupil referral units or pupils attending such units as it thinks necessary or appropriate.

(3) [^{F1}The Authority] may, in the case of any child registered at a grant-aided school ^{F2}..., give a direction that, for such period as may be specified in the direction, suitable education shall be provided for the child at a pupil referral unit so specified.

(4) [^{F1}The Authority] may at any time amend or revoke a direction under paragraph (3).

(5) Where a pupil referral unit is specified in a direction for the time being in force under paragraph (3), it shall be the duty of the managers of the unit to comply with the direction.

(6) Before giving, amending or revoking any direction under paragraph (3), [^{F1}the Authority] shall consult—

- (a) the parent of the child;
- (b) the managers of the pupil referral unit specified (or to be specified) in the direction;
- ^{F3}(c)
- (d) if that unit is a Catholic maintained school, the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools.

(7) In this Article “child” and “suitable education” have the same meanings as in Article 86.

F1 Words in *Order* substituted (1.4.2015) by *Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014* (c. 12), **Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(a)** (with *Sch. 2 para. 4(3)*, *Sch. 3 para. 1(2)*); S.R. 2015/35, art. 2(b)

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- F2** Words in art. 87(3) repealed (1.4.2015) by Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 12), **Sch. 4** (with Sch. 2 para. 4(3)); S.R. 2015/35, art. 2(b)
- F3** Art. 87(6)(c) repealed (1.4.2015) by Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 12), **Sch. 4** (with Sch. 2 para. 4(3)); S.R. 2015/35, art. 2(b)

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- art. 89A inserted by [2022 c. 45 s. 5](#)