



Education Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 56

PART X

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

CHAPTER VI

GENERAL

Service of documents

572 Service of notices and other documents.

Any order, notice or other document required or authorised by this Act to be [^{F1}served on, or given to, any person may be served or given] —

- (a) by delivering it to that person, or
- (b) by leaving it at his usual or last known place of residence, or
- (c) by sending it in a prepaid letter addressed to him at that place.

[^{F2}(2) But such a document may not be served or given in an electronic communication to a person as a parent unless —

- (a) the person consents in writing to the receipt of documents of the kind in question from the sender in an electronic communication sent to a specified number or address, and
- (b) the communication is sent to the number or address in question.

(3) In subsection (2), “electronic communication” has the same meaning as in the Electronic Communications Act 2000.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 572 substituted (27.2.2004) by [Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 \(c. 38\)](#), **ss. 23(2)**, 93; [S.I. 2003/3300](#), [art. 3\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- F2** S. 572(2)(3) inserted (1.1.2005) by [The Education Act 1996 \(Electronic Communications\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/2521\)](#), [arts. 1, 3](#)
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 572 restricted (1.4.2007 for E., 31.10.2010 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 92(6)**, 188(3); [S.I. 2007/935](#), [art. 4\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2010/2543](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- C2** S. 572 restricted (1.9.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), **ss. 104(6)**, 188(3); [S.I. 2007/1801](#), [art. 4\(h\)](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13(2)(ba) substituted for s. 13(2)(aa)(b) by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 15A(3A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 15B(3)(c) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(4\)](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/1012 art. 12\(1\)Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/863 Sch. 2 para. 4](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/865 Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2016/653 Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A-17D inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 45](#)
- s. 17B-17D applied by [2009 c. 22 s. 86\(8\)](#)
- s. 457(4)(i)-(iia) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 457(4)(iii) words repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 508(4) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(7\)](#)
- s. 537AA inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 8](#)
- s. 548(7A)(7B) inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 578(1) words repealed by [2005 c. 18 Sch. 19 Pt. 1](#)