



# School Inspections Act 1996 (repealed)

## 1996 CHAPTER 57

### PART I

#### SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

### CHAPTER III

#### OTHER INSPECTIONS

##### *Religious education*

#### **23 Inspection of religious education.**

- (1) It shall be the duty of the governing body of—
  - (a) any voluntary school, or
  - (b) any grant-maintained school,in which denominational education is given to any pupils to secure that that education is inspected under this section.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the governing body of—
  - (a) any voluntary school, or
  - (b) any grant-maintained school falling within subsection (3),to secure that the content of the school's collective worship is inspected under this section.
- (3) A grant-maintained school falls within this subsection if—
  - (a) it was a voluntary school immediately before it became grant-maintained, or
  - (b) it was established in pursuance of proposals published under section 212 of the <sup>M1</sup>Education Act 1996 (proposals by promoters) and either—
    - (i) any trust deed relating to the school, or
    - (ii) the statement required by paragraph 8 of Schedule 20 to that Act,

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- makes provision as to religious education for pupils at the school, or
- (c) it is a school in respect of which there are approved under section 261 of that Act (approval of proposed alterations etc.) proposals for the required provision for religious education to be provision for religious education in accordance with the tenets of a particular religion or religious denomination.
- (4) In this Act “denominational education, in relation to a school, means any religious education which—
- (a) is required by section 352(1)(a) of the Education Act 1996 to be included in the school’s basic curriculum, but
- (b) is not required by any enactment to be given in accordance with an agreed syllabus;
- and in this section—
- (i) “the required provision for religious education means the provision for religious education for pupils at the school which is required as mentioned in paragraph (a) above, and
- (ii) references to collective worship are references to collective worship required by section 385 of that Act.
- (5) An inspection under this section shall be conducted by a person chosen by—
- (a) the foundation governors, in the case of a controlled school; and
- (b) the governing body, in any other case.
- (6) The person chosen need not be a registered inspector.
- (7) Inspections under this section shall be carried out at such intervals as may be prescribed; and in prescribing the intervals the Secretary of State may make provision as to the period within which the first inspection under this section with respect to a school is to begin.
- (8) It shall be the general duty of a person conducting an inspection under this section—
- (a) if the inspection is conducted by virtue of subsection (1), to report on the quality of the denominational education provided by the school for pupils to whom denominational education is given by the school, or
- (b) if the inspection is conducted by virtue of subsection (2), to report on the content of the school’s collective worship,
- and any such person may report on the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils at the school.
- (9) A person conducting an inspection under this section may do so with the assistance of such other persons chosen by him as are in his opinion fit and proper persons for carrying out the inspection.
- (10) Schedule 4 to this Act makes further provision with respect to inspections under this section.

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### *Local authority inspection services*

## **24 Provision of inspection services by local education authorities.**

- (1) Any local education authority may provide a school inspection service for schools within their area.
- (2) In this section “school inspection service, in relation to any local education authority, means a service providing for the inspection of schools under section 10 or 23 by officers of the authority.
- (3) Any school inspection service provided by a local education authority may, in addition to providing for the inspection of schools which are maintained by them, provide for the inspection of schools which are not maintained by them.
- (4) Any school inspection service provided by a local education authority shall be operated by the authority in such a way as can reasonably be expected to secure that the full cost of providing the service is recovered by way of charges made by the authority to those using the service.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations—
  - (a) make provision as to the making of tenders by local education authorities (as required by paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to this Act);
  - (b) make provision with respect to the accounts to be kept by local education authorities in connection with any school inspection services provided by them; and
  - (c) make such incidental and supplemental provision with respect to school inspection services provided by local education authorities as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 24 functions of a local education authority made exercisable (E.) (1.4.2002) by authorised persons by [\(Contracting Out \(Local Education Authority Functions\) \(England\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/928\), art. 3, Sch. 3\(f\)](#)

## **25 Power of local education authority to inspect maintained school for specific purpose.**

- (1) Where—
  - (a) for the purpose of enabling them to exercise any function of theirs, a local education authority require information about any matter in connection with a school which is maintained by them, and
  - (b) it is not reasonably practicable for them to obtain the information in any other manner,

they may cause an inspection of the school to be made by one or more of their officers for the purpose of obtaining the information.
- (2) Any officer of a local education authority inspecting a school under this section shall have at all reasonable times a right of entry to the premises of the school.

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- C2** S. 25(1) functions of a local education authority made exercisable (E.) (1.4.2002) by authorised persons by [Contracting Out \(Local Education Authority Functions\) \(England\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/928\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 3(g)**

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