



Education Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 32

PART 3

MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

CHAPTER 1

GOVERNMENT OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

21 General responsibility 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 in relation to the conduct of a maintained school (whether generally or with respect to particular matters) of—
 - (i) the local education authority,
 - (ii) the governing body, and
 - (iii) the head teacher, and
 - (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.

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