



# Childcare Act 2006

## CHAPTER 21

### CHILDCARE ACT 2006

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- 1 In this Schedule “the 2002 Act” means the Education Act...

#### *Education Act 1997 (c. 44)*

- 2 (1) Section 23 of the Education Act 1997 (functions of...

#### *Education Act 2002 (c. 32)*

- 3 (1) Section 76 of the 2002 Act (interpretation of Part...
- 4 Omit section 77 of the 2002 Act (meaning of “nursery...
- 5 In section 78 of the 2002 Act (general requirements in...
- 6 (1) Section 79 of the 2002 Act (duty to implement...
- 7 (1) Section 80 of the 2002 Act (basic curriculum for...
- 8 Omit section 81 of the 2002 Act (the foundation stage)...
- 9 Omit section 83 of the 2002 Act (curriculum requirements for...
- 10 (1) Section 87 of the 2002 Act (establishment of National...
- 11 Omit section 89 of the 2002 Act (implementation in respect...
- 12 (1) Section 90 of the 2002 Act (development work and...
- 13 In section 93 of the 2002 Act (temporary exceptions for...
- 14 In section 94 of the 2002 Act (information concerning directions...
- 15 In section 96 of the 2002 Act (procedure for making...
- 16 In section 210 of the 2002 Act (orders and regulations)—...

### SCHEDULE 2 — Minor and consequential amendments

#### *Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (c. 42)*

- 1 In Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services Act...

#### *Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)*

- 2 In section 65 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (meaning...

#### *Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54)*

- 3 In Schedule 1 to the Supreme Court Act 1981 (distribution...

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*Children Act 1989 (c. 41)*

- 4 In section 18 of the Children Act 1989 (day care...
- 5 In the heading of Part 10A of the Children Act...
- 6 In Part 10A of the Children Act 1989 (including Schedule...
- 7 In section 79B of the Children Act 1989 (other definitions...
- 8 In section 79C of the Children Act 1989 (regulations etc....
- 9 In section 79D of the Children Act 1989 (requirement to...
- 10 In section 79H of the Children Act 1989 (suspension of...
- 11 In section 79K of the Children Act 1989 (protection of...
- 12 Omit sections 79N, 79Q and 79R of the Children Act...
- 13 In section 79S of the Children Act 1989 (general functions...
- 14 In section 79U of the Children Act 1989 (rights of...
- 15 In section 79V of the Children Act 1989 (function of...
- 16 In section 79W of the Children Act 1989 (requirement for...
- 17 In section 105 of the Children Act 1989 (interpretation) in...
- 18 (1) Schedule 9A to the Children Act 1989 (child minding...

*Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56)*

- 19 In Schedule 4A to the Water Industry Act 1991 (premises...

*Education Act 1996 (c. 56)*

- 20 In the heading to section 17 of the Education Act...
- 21 In section 318 of the Education Act 1996 (provision of...
- 22 (1) Section 329A of the Education Act 1996 (review or...
- 23 In section 509A of the Education Act 1996 (travel arrangements...
- 24 In section 512 of the Education Act 1996 (LEA functions...
- 25 (1) Section 515 of the Education Act 1996 (provision of...
- 26 (1) Section 535 of the Education Act 1996 (provision of...
- 27 (1) Section 548 of the Education Act 1996 (no right...

*Education Act 1997 (c. 44)*

- 28 In section 38 of the Education Act 1997 (inspection of...

*Police Act 1997 (c. 50)*

- 29 In section 113F of the Police Act 1997 (criminal record...

*School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31)*

- 30 In section 118 of the School Standards and Framework Act...
- 31 Section 118A of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998...
- 32 (1) Section 119 of the School Standards and Framework Act...
- 33 (1) Section 122 of the School Standards and Framework Act...
- 34 In section 123 of the School Standards and Framework Act...
- 35 In section 142 of the School Standards and Framework Act...
- 36 (1) Schedule 26 to the School Standards and Framework Act...

*Protection of Children Act 1999 (c. 14)*

- 37 In section 2A of the Protection of Children Act 1999...
- 38 In section 9 of the Protection of Children Act 1999...

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*Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43)*

- 39 In section 36 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services...
- 40 In section 42 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services...

*Education Act 2002 (c. 32)*

- 41 In section 153 of the Education Act 2002 (powers of...
- 42 In section 176 of the Education Act 2002 (consultation with...

*Children Act 2004 (c. 31)*

- 43 In section 12 of the Children Act 2004 (information databases)...

*Education Act 2005 (c. 18)*

- 44 In section 59(1) of the Education Act 2005 (combined reports)—...

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