

*These notes refer to the Childcare Act 2006 (c.21)
which received Royal Assent on 11 July 2006*

CHILDCARE ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

Part 3 – Regulation of Provision of Childcare in England

Chapter 2: Regulation of Early Years Provision

Section 49: Inspections

112. *Section 49* relates to inspection of early years provision and requires the Chief Inspector to inspect early years provision at intervals (to be prescribed in regulations) and on request from the Secretary of State. It also allows the Chief Inspector to inspect early years provision at any other time when he considers it appropriate.
113. *Subsection (3)* allows regulations to be made setting out circumstances in which the Chief Inspector will not be required to carry out an inspection when it falls due. Regulations could, for example, provide that an inspection is not required where the provider does not have any children on the roll.
114. *Subsection (4)* allows regulations to be made providing that the Chief Inspector is not required to carry out an inspection at an independent school where the early years provision would be inspected by a body approved by the Secretary of State.
115. *Subsection (6)* provides for regulations to require the registered person to notify particular people of an inspection.