

# Education and Inspections Act 2006

## **2006 CHAPTER 40**

#### PART 2

ESTABLISHMENT, DISCONTINUANCE OR ALTERATION OF SCHOOLS

## Discontinuance of schools

# 15 Proposals for discontinuance of schools maintained by [F1]local authority]

- (1) Where a [F1]local authority] in England propose to discontinue—
  - (a) a community, foundation or voluntary school,
  - (b) a community or foundation special school, or
  - (c) a maintained nursery school,

the authority must publish their proposals under this section.

- (2) Where the governing body of—
  - (a) a foundation or voluntary school in England, or
  - (b) a foundation special school in England,

propose to discontinue the school, the governing body must publish their proposals under this section.

- (3) Proposals under this section must—
  - (a) contain such information, and
  - (b) be published in such manner,

as may be prescribed.

- (4) The matters to which the relevant body must have regard in formulating any proposals under this section in relation to a rural primary school include—
  - (a) the likely effect of the discontinuance of the school on the local community,
  - (b) the availability, and likely cost to the [F1]ocal authority], of transport to other schools,

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- (c) any increase in the use of motor vehicles which is likely to result from the discontinuance of the school, and the likely effects of any such increase, and
- (d) any alternatives to the discontinuance of the school;

and in considering these matters the relevant body must have regard to any guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State.

- (5) Where any proposals are published under subsection (2), the persons making the proposals must submit the proposals in accordance with regulations to the [FI] local authority].
- (6) Schedule 2 has effect in relation to the consideration, approval and implementation of proposals published under this section.
- (7) In this section—
  - (a) "the relevant body" means the [F1]local authority] mentioned in subsection (1) or the governing body mentioned in subsection (2) (as the case may be);
  - (b) "rural primary school" means a primary school designated as such for the purposes of this section by an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (8) In this Part any reference to a [F1 local authority]—
  - (a) discontinuing a school, or
  - (b) implementing proposals to discontinue a school (whether published by the authority or the governing body),

is a reference to the authority ceasing to maintain the school.

### **Textual Amendments**

F1 Words in Pts. 1-7 substituted (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 14(2)

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