



Education and Inspections Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 40

PART 3

FURTHER PROVISIONS ABOUT MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

Miscellaneous

55 Right of sixth-form pupils to be excused from attendance at religious worship

- (1) Section 71 of SSFA 1998 (which, in relation to religious education and attendance at religious worship, makes provision for exceptions and special arrangements, and for special schools) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (1) substitute—
 - “(1) If the parent of a pupil at a community, foundation or voluntary school requests that he may be wholly or partly excused from receiving religious education given at the school in accordance with the school's basic curriculum, the pupil shall be so excused until the request is withdrawn.
 - (1A) If the parent of any pupil at a community, foundation or voluntary school other than a sixth-form pupil requests that he may be wholly or partly excused from attendance at religious worship at the school, the pupil shall be so excused until the request is withdrawn.
 - (1B) If a sixth-form pupil requests that he may be wholly or partly excused from attendance at religious worship at a community, foundation or voluntary school, the pupil shall be so excused.”
- (3) In subsection (2), for “subsection (1)” substitute “ subsections (1) to (1B) ”.
- (4) In subsection (3), after “subsection (1)” insert “ or (1A) ”.
- (5) In subsection (5), after “voluntary school” insert “ and is not a sixth-form pupil ”.
- (6) After subsection (5) insert—

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“(5A) Where a sixth-form pupil who is a boarder at a community, foundation or voluntary school requests that he be permitted—

- (a) to receive religious education in accordance with the tenets of a particular religion or religious denomination outside school hours, or
- (b) to attend worship in accordance with such tenets on Sundays or other days exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the pupil belongs,

the governing body shall make arrangements for giving the pupil reasonable opportunities for doing so.”

(7) In subsection (6), after “subsection (5)” insert “ or (5A) ”.

(8) For subsection (7) substitute—

“(7) Regulations shall make provision for ensuring that, so far as practicable, every pupil attending a community or foundation special school—

- (a) receives religious education unless withdrawn from receiving such education in accordance with the wishes of his parent, and
- (b) attends religious worship unless withdrawn from attendance at such worship—

(i) in the case of a sixth-form pupil, in accordance with his own wishes, and

(ii) in any other case, in accordance with the wishes of his parent.”

(9) After subsection (7) insert—

“(8) In this section “sixth-form pupil” means any pupil who—

- (a) has ceased to be of compulsory school age, and
- (b) is receiving education suitable to the requirements of pupils over compulsory school age.”

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 55 in force at 9.2.2009 for W. by S.I. 2009/49, **art. 2**
- I2** S. 55(1)-(7) in force at 1.9.2007 for E. by S.I. 2007/1801, **art. 3(b)**
- I3** S. 55(8)(9) in force at 25.6.2007 for E. by S.I. 2007/1801, **art. 2**

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