



Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 20

An Act to make provision for guidance to schools about the costs aspects of school uniform policies. [29th April 2021]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Guidance about the costs of school uniforms: England

In the Education Act 1996, after section 551 insert—

“Costs of school uniforms

551A Guidance about the costs of school uniforms: England

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance to the appropriate authorities of relevant schools in England about the costs aspects of school uniform policies.
- (2) In this section “costs aspects of school uniform policies” means any aspects of school uniform policies that the Secretary of State considers relevant to the costs of school uniforms.
- (3) The appropriate authority of a relevant school must have regard to guidance issued under this section when developing and implementing a school uniform policy for the school.
- (4) The Secretary of State may from time to time revise guidance issued under this section.
- (5) In this section “relevant school” means—

- (a) an Academy school;
 - (b) an alternative provision Academy;
 - (c) a maintained school (within the meaning given by section 437(8));
 - (d) a non-maintained special school (within the meaning given by section 337A);
 - (e) a pupil referral unit not established in a hospital.
- (6) In this section “the appropriate authority” means—
- (a) in relation to an Academy school, an alternative provision Academy or a non-maintained special school, the proprietor;
 - (b) in relation to a maintained school, the governing body;
 - (c) in relation to a pupil referral unit, the local authority.”

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021.