



Education Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 56

PART V

THE CURRICULUM

CHAPTER III

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND WORSHIP

Miscellaneous

398 No requirement of attendance at Sunday school etc.

[^{F1}(1)] It shall not be required, as a condition of—

- (a) a pupil attending a maintained school, or
- (b) a person attending such a school to receive further education or [^{F2}any training for members of the school workforce] ,

that he must attend or abstain from attending a Sunday school or a place of religious worship.

[^{F3}(2) In subsection (1)(b), the reference to training for members of the school workforce is to be read in accordance with sections [^{F4}96(1) and 100] of the Education Act 2005.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 398(1): s. 398 renumbered as s. 398(1) (1.9.2005) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(3)(a), [Sch. 14 para. 16\(3\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 398(b) substituted (1.9.2005) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(3)(a), [Sch. 14 para. 16\(2\)](#)
- F3** S. 398(2) inserted (1.9.2005) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), s. 125(3)(a), [Sch. 14 para. 16\(3\)](#)

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F4 Words in s. 398(2) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), s. 82\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 11](#); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

399 Determination of question whether religious education in accordance with trust deed.

Where any trust deed relating to [^{F5}a foundation or voluntary school] makes provision whereby a bishop or any other ecclesiastical or denominational authority has power to decide whether the religious education given in the school which purports to be in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed does or does not accord with those provisions, that question shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed.

Textual Amendments

F5 Words in s. 399 substituted (1.9.1999) by [1998 c. 31, s. 140\(1\), Sch. 30 para.100](#) (with ss. 138(9), 144(6)); S.I. 1999/2323, art. 2(1), [Sch. 1](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13(2)(ba) substituted for s. 13(2)(aa)(b) by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 15A(3A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 15B(3)(c) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(4\)](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/1012 art. 12\(1\)Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/863 Sch. 2 para. 4](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2014/865 Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by [S.I. 2016/653 Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- s. 17A-17D inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 45](#)
- s. 17B-17D applied by [2009 c. 22 s. 86\(8\)](#)
- s. 457(4)(i)-(iia) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 457(4)(iii) words repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 508(4) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(7\)](#)
- s. 537AA inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 8](#)
- s. 548(7A)(7B) inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 578(1) words repealed by [2005 c. 18 Sch. 19 Pt. 1](#)