



Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 38

PART 3

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Truancy and exclusion from school

24 Interpretation

In this section and sections 19 to 21—

“the appropriate person” means—

- (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State, and
- (b) in relation to Wales, the National Assembly for Wales,

“child of compulsory school age” has the same meaning as in the 1996 Act, and “child” is to be construed accordingly,

“head teacher” includes acting head teacher, teacher in charge and acting teacher in charge,

“local education authority” has the same meaning as in the 1996 Act,

“parent”, in relation to a pupil or child, is to be construed in accordance with section 576 of the 1996 Act, but does not include a person who is not an individual,

“pupil” is to be construed in accordance with section 3(1) and (1A) of the 1996 Act,

“registered pupil” has the meaning given by section 434(5) of the 1996 Act,

“relevant school” means—

- (a) a qualifying school as defined in section 1(3) of the Education Act 2002 (c. 32), or
- (b) a pupil referral unit as defined in section 19(2) of the 1996 Act,

“responsible officer”, in relation to a parenting order, means one of the following who is specified in the order, namely—

- (a) an officer of a local education authority, and

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

(b) a head teacher or a person nominated by a head teacher,
but a person falling within paragraph (b) may not be specified in the order
without his consent,

“the 1996 Act” means the Education Act [1996 \(c. 56\)](#).