

These notes refer to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009

APPRENTICESHIPS, SKILLS, CHILDREN AND LEARNING ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE

Part 11: Learners

30. This Part extends the power that teachers and staff in schools and further education (FE) institutions currently have to search pupils (or students in the case of FE institutions) without consent for weapons, so that it also covers controlled drugs, alcohol, stolen items and other articles specified in regulations.
31. It also requires schools and FE institutions to have a procedure for the recording and reporting to parents of significant incidents where force is used on pupils and students aged 19 or under. The procedure must provide that, where reporting to parents would be likely to result in significant harm to the learner, significant incidents must be reported to the local authority.
32. It will also require schools to enter into partnerships with each other for the purpose of improving behaviour and attendance, and to produce annual reports about arrangements made for this purpose.