



## 2016 CHAPTER 8

### *Duties of the Education Authority and Boards of Governors*

#### **Duty of Authority to have regard to the views of the child**

**1** After Article 5 of the 1996 Order (and after the cross-heading following that Article) insert—

#### **“Duty of Authority to have regard to the views of the child**

**5A** In exercising its functions under this Part in relation to a particular child the Authority shall—

- (a) so far as reasonably practicable, seek and have regard to the views of that child;
- (b) have regard to—
  - (i) the importance of that child participating in decisions; and
  - (ii) the importance of that child being provided with the information and support necessary to enable participation in those decisions.”.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 1 in operation at 18.12.2020 by [S.R. 2020/309](#), [art. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

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- s. 1 coming into force by [S.R. 2020/309 art. 2](#)