

# **Education Act 1996**

## **1996 CHAPTER 56**

#### PART II

SCHOOLS MAINTAINED BY LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITIES

### CHAPTER VI

CONDUCT AND STAFFING OF COUNTY, VOLUNTARY AND MAINTAINED SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Reports, meetings and information

# 161 Governors' annual reports

- (1) The articles of government for a county, voluntary or maintained special school shall require the governing body to prepare once in every school year a report (referred to in this Chapter as "the governors' report") containing—
  - (a) a summary of the steps taken by the governing body in the discharge of their functions during the period since their last governors' report, and
  - (b) such other information as the articles may require.
- (2) Schedule 17 has effect in relation to governors' reports.
- (3) The articles of government shall—
  - (a) enable the governing body to produce the governors' report in such language or languages (in addition to English) as they consider appropriate, and
  - (b) require them to produce it in such language or languages (in addition to English and any other language in which they propose to produce it) as the local education authority may direct.
- (4) The articles of government shall require the governing body to take such steps as are reasonably practicable to secure—
  - (a) that the parents of all registered pupils at the school and all persons employed at the school are given (free of charge) a copy of the governors' report;

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- (b) that copies of the report are available for inspection (at all reasonable times and free of charge) at the school; and
- (c) that, where (by virtue of section 162) there is an obligation on the governing body to hold an annual parents' meeting, copies of the report to be considered at that meeting are given to parents not less than two weeks before that meeting.