
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Education Reform(Northern Ireland) Order 1989

PART IV

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO GRANT-AIDED SCHOOLS

Exceptions

43.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), none of the provisions of Articles 36 to 42, other than paragraphs (3) to (5) of Article 42, have effect in relation to—

- (a) nursery schools; or
- (b) children who will not have attained compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission.

(2) Where the arrangements for the admission of pupils to a grant-aided school provide for the admission to the school of children who will not be of compulsory school age at the time of their proposed admission—

- (a) those Articles shall have effect in relation to the admission of such pupils to the school otherwise than for nursery education;
- (b) the transfer to a reception class at the school of children previously admitted to the school for nursery education shall be treated for the purposes of those Articles as the admission of pupils to the school.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)—

- (a) children are to be regarded as admitted to a school for nursery education if they are or are to be placed on admission in a nursery class; and
- (b) “reception class” means a class in which education is provided which is suitable to the requirements of pupils aged four and any pupils over that age whom it is expedient to educate together with pupils of that age;
- (c) “nursery class” means a class in which education is provided which is suitable to the requirements of pupils who have attained the age of two years but have not attained the lower limit of compulsory school age.

(4) None of the provisions of Articles 36 to 42, other than paragraphs (3) to (5) of Article 42, have effect in relation to—

- (a) special schools or children in respect of whom statements are maintained under Article 31 of the principal Order; or
- (b) the preparatory departments of grammar schools.