406 Political indoctrination.

(1) The local authority, governing body and head teacher shall forbid—
   (a) the pursuit of partisan political activities by any of those registered pupils at a maintained school who are junior pupils, and
   (b) the promotion of partisan political views in the teaching of any subject in the school.

(2) In the case of activities which take place otherwise than on the school premises, subsection (1)(a) applies only where arrangements for junior pupils to take part in the activities are made by—
   (a) any member of the school’s staff (in his capacity as such), or
   (b) anyone acting on behalf of the school or of a member of the school’s staff (in his capacity as such).

(3) In this section “maintained school” includes a community or foundation special school established in a hospital.
407 Duty to secure balanced treatment of political issues.

(1) The local authority, governing body and head teacher shall take such steps as are reasonably practicable to secure that where political issues are brought to the attention of pupils while they are—

(a) in attendance at a maintained school, or

(b) taking part in extra-curricular activities which are provided or organised for registered pupils at the school by or on behalf of the school,

they are offered a balanced presentation of opposing views.

(2) In this section “maintained school” includes a community or foundation special school established in a hospital.
Changes to legislation:
Education Act 1996, Cross Heading: Politics is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 June 2019. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by S.I. 2014/1012 art. 12(1) Sch. 2 para. 3
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by S.I. 2014/863 Sch. 2 para. 4
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by S.I. 2014/865 Sch. 2 para. 3
- s. 17A functions made exercisable concurrently by S.I. 2016/653 Sch. 3 para. 3
- s. 17A-17D inserted by 2009 c. 22 s. 45
- s. 17B-17D applied by 2009 c. 22 s. 86(8)
- s. 29(4A) inserted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 4(8)
- s. 403(1ZB) inserted by S.I. 2019/924 Sch. para. 2(3)
- s. 403(2A) inserted by S.I. 2019/924 Sch. para. 2(4)
- s. 404(1B) inserted by S.I. 2019/924 Sch. para. 3(2)
- s. 405(1) s. 405 renumbered as s. 405(1) by S.I. 2019/924 Sch. para. 4(2)
- s. 405(2)-(4) inserted by S.I. 2019/924 Sch. para. 4(3)
- s. 438(6)(c)(i)(ii) substituted for words by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 4(14)(b)
- s. 440(4)(i)(ii) substituted for words by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 4(15)(b)
- s. 441A inserted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 4(17)
- s. 442(6) inserted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 4(18)(b)
- s. 457(4)(i)-(iiia) repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 457(4)(iii) words repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 458(6) inserted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 4(19)(b)
- s. 512ZB(4)(a)(i)-(iiia) repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 512ZB(4)(b)(i)-(iiia) repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 512ZB(4)(c)(ii) and word repealed by 2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1
- s. 514(8) inserted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 4(23)(b)
- s. 517(8)(9) inserted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 4(24)(c)
- s. 537AA inserted by 2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 8
- s. 548(7A)(7B) inserted by 2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 9(5)
- s. 569(2BA)(2BB) inserted by 2018 anaw 2 Sch. 1 para. 4(30)(b)
- s. 578(1) words repealed by 2005 c. 18 Sch. 19 Pt. 1
- s. 579(3C) inserted by 2018 anaw 2 s. 95(c)
- Sch. 7 para. 11(b)(c) words substituted by 2002 c. 9 Sch. 11 para. 36(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 7 already repealed (1.9.1999) by 1998 c. 31, s. 140(1)(3), Sch. 30 para. 185, Sch. 31 (with ss. 138(9), 144(6)); S.I. 1999/2323, art. 2(1), Sch. 1)