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PART V

THE CURRICULUM

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MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Politics

406 Political indoctrination

- (1) The local education 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 maintained special school established in a hospital.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

407 Duty to secure balanced treatment of political issues

- (1) The local education 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 maintained special school established in a hospital.