



Education Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 56

PART I

GENERAL

CHAPTER III

[^{F1}LOCAL AUTHORITIES]

Other arrangements for provision of education

[^{F1}19A Exceptional provision of education in pupil referral units or elsewhere: Wales

- (1) Each local authority in Wales must make arrangements for the provision of suitable education at school or otherwise than at school for children within the authority's area who—
 - (a) are of compulsory school age, and
 - (b) by reason of illness, exclusion from school or otherwise, may not receive suitable education for a period unless such arrangements are made for them.
- (2) A school established (whether before or after the commencement of this Act) and maintained by a local authority in Wales which—
 - (a) is specially organised to provide education for children falling within subsection (1), and
 - (b) is not a special school,is to be known as a “pupil referral unit”.
- (3) A local authority in Wales may secure the provision of boarding accommodation at any pupil referral unit.
- (4) A local authority in Wales may make arrangements for the provision of suitable education otherwise than at a school for young persons within the authority's area who,

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by reason of illness, exclusion from school or otherwise, may not receive a suitable education for a period unless such arrangements are made for them.

- (5) In this section, “suitable education”, in relation to a child or young person means efficient education suitable to [^{F2}the child’s or] the young person’s age, ability and aptitude and to any additional learning needs the child or young person may have.
- (6) The following persons are to be treated as pupils for the purposes of this Act—
- (a) any child for whom education is provided otherwise than at school under this section, and
 - (b) any young person for whom full-time education is provided otherwise than at school under this section.
- (7) Schedule 1 has effect in relation to pupil referral units maintained by local authorities in Wales.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 19A inserted (30.4.2021) by [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\), s. 84\(1\), Sch. 2 para. 4](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2022/111, regs. 1, 3](#))
- F2** Words in s. 19A(5) inserted (1.9.2022 for specified purposes, 1.9.2023 for specified purposes) by [The Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Primary Legislation\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/744\), reg. 1\(3\), Sch. 2 para. 2\(3\)](#)

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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. 13(2)(ba) substituted for s. 13(2)(aa)(b) by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 15A(3A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 15B(3)(c) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(4\)](#)
- 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. 457(4)(i)-(iia) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 457(4)(iii) words repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 508(4) inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 8\(7\)](#)
- 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. 578(1) words repealed by [2005 c. 18 Sch. 19 Pt. 1](#)