



# Education Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 56

### PART X

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

#### CHAPTER VI

#### GENERAL

#### *Construction*

#### **576 Meaning of “parent”**

- (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, “parent”, in relation to a child or young person, includes any person—
  - (a) who is not a parent of his but who has parental responsibility for him, or
  - (b) who has care of him,except that in the provisions mentioned in subsection (2) it only includes such a person if he is an individual.
- (2) Those provisions are—
  - (a) sections 78(3), 81(4), 162, 186 to 188, 190, 200, 223, 226 and 228; and
  - (b) paragraph 7(2) and (7) of Schedule 8, paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 9, Schedule 18, paragraph 8 of Schedule 23 and Schedule 24.
- (3) In subsection (1) “parental responsibility” has the same meaning as in the Children Act 1989.
- (4) In determining for the purposes of subsection (1) whether an individual has care of a child or young person, any absence of the child or young person at a hospital or boarding school and any other temporary absence shall be disregarded.