



# Education Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 32

### PART 6

#### THE CURRICULUM IN ENGLAND

##### *Preliminary*

#### 76 Interpretation of Part 6

[<sup>F1</sup>(1)] In this Part—

“assess” includes <sup>F2</sup>... test, and related expressions shall be construed accordingly;

[<sup>F3</sup>“assessment arrangements”, in relation to a key stage, means the arrangements for assessing pupils in respect of that stage [<sup>F4</sup>for the specified purposes];]

“attainment targets”, in relation to a key stage, means the knowledge, skills and understanding which pupils of different abilities and maturities are expected to have by the end of that stage;

<sup>F5</sup>...

“the foundation stage” has the meaning given by section 81;

“key stage”, or references to a particular key stage, shall be construed in accordance with section 82;

“maintained school” means—

- (a) any community, foundation or voluntary school maintained by a [<sup>F6</sup>local authority] in England, or
- (b) except where otherwise stated, any community or foundation special school which is maintained by a [<sup>F6</sup>local authority] in England and is not established in a hospital;

“maintained nursery school” means a nursery school which is maintained by a [<sup>F6</sup>local authority] in England and is not a special school;

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“programmes of study”, in relation to a key stage, means matters, skills and processes which are required to be taught to pupils of different abilities and maturities by the end of that stage;

<sup>F5</sup>  
...

“school year”, in relation to a school, means the period beginning with the first school term to begin after July and ending with the beginning of the first school term to begin after the following July;<sup>F7</sup> ...

[<sup>F8</sup>(2) In subsection (1) “the specified purposes”, in relation to assessment arrangements for a key stage, means—

- (a) the purpose of ascertaining what pupils have achieved in relation to the attainment targets for that stage, and
- (b) such other purposes as the Secretary of State may by order specify.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 76(1): s. 76 renumbered as s. 76(1) (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 32(2)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F2** Words in s. 76(1) repealed (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 32(3)**, **Sch. 16 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F3** Words in s. 76 substituted (1.9.2008) by Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21), s. 109(2), **Sch. 1 para. 3(2)**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F4** Words in s. 76(1) substituted (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 32(4)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F5** Words in s. 76 repealed (1.9.2008) by Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 3(3), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F6** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by The Local Education Authorities and Children’s Services Authorities (Integration of Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/1158), **art. 1, Sch. 2 para. 11(2)**
- F7** Words in s. 76 repealed (1.9.2008) by Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 3(4), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F8** S. 76(2) inserted (1.4.2010) by Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), s. 269(4), **Sch. 12 para. 32(5)**; S.I. 2010/1151, art. 2, Sch. 1

#### <sup>F977</sup> Meaning of “nursery education” and related expressions

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#### Textual Amendments

- F9** S. 77 repealed (1.9.2008) by Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21), s. 109(2), Sch. 1 para. 4, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1667 Sch. para. 1 by [S.I. 2004/571 Sch.](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2003/1667 Sch. para. 1A and 2 by [S.I. 2005/2570 art. 2](#)

**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. 27(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 26 s. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 29(2A)-(2D) inserted by [2009 c. 22 s. 260\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 250 omitted (1.9.2012) by virtue of 2011 c. 21, s. 29(9)(d); S.I. 2012/1087, art. 3)
- s. 29B inserted by [2008 c. 25 s. 157](#)
- s. 8585A substituted for s. 85 by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(1\)](#)
- s. 85A amendment to earlier affecting provision 2006 c. 40 s. 74(1) by [2011 c. 21 s. 31\(2\)](#)
- s. 85A(5) words substituted by [2009 c. 22 Sch. 12 para. 34](#)
- s. 86(1) s. 86 renumbered as s. 86(1) by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 86(2) inserted by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 88(2)-(7) inserted by [2006 c. 40 s. 74\(3\)](#)
- s. 88(7) repealed by [S.I. 2010/1080 Sch. 1 para. 45Sch. 2 Pt. 1](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 88(2)-(7) by 2006 c. 40, s 74(3) was repealed without ever being brought into force.)
- s. 142(9)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/1158 Sch. 2 para. 11\(10\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 210A inserted by [2008 c. 25 Sch. 1 para. 79](#)