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PART X

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

CHAPTER II

[^{F1} PUNISHMENT AND RESTRAINT OF PUPILS]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. X Ch. II: Chapter heading and cross-heading substituted for Chapter heading (1.9.1998) by virtue of 1997 c. 44, s. 57(1), [Sch. 7 para. 38](#); S.I. 1998/386, art. 2(4), [Sch. 1 Pt. IV](#)

[^{F2} Corporal punishment]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Pt. X Ch. II: Chapter heading and cross-heading substituted for Chapter heading (1.9.1998) by virtue of 1997 c. 44, s. 57(1), [Sch. 7 para. 38](#); S.I. 1998/386, art. 2(4), [Sch. 1 Pt. IV](#)

[^{F3} 548 No right to give corporal punishment.

- (1) Corporal punishment given by, or on the authority of, a member of staff to a child—
- for whom education is provided at any school, or
 - for whom education is provided, otherwise than at school, under any arrangements made by a [^{F4}local authority], or
 - for whom [^{F5}specified early years education] is provided otherwise than at school,

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cannot be justified in any proceedings on the ground that it was given in pursuance of a right exercisable by the member of staff by virtue of his position as such.

- (2) Subsection (1) applies to corporal punishment so given to a child at any time, whether at the school or other place at which education is provided for the child, or elsewhere.
- (3) The following provisions have effect for the purposes of this section.
- (4) Any reference to giving corporal punishment to a child is to doing anything for the purpose of punishing that child (whether or not there are other reasons for doing it) which, apart from any justification, would constitute battery.
- (5) However, corporal punishment shall not be taken to be given to a child by virtue of anything done for reasons that include averting—
 - (a) an immediate danger of personal injury to, or
 - (b) an immediate danger to the property of, any person (including the child himself).
- (6) “Member of staff”, in relation to the child concerned, means—
 - (a) any person who works as a teacher at the school or other place at which education is provided for the child, or
 - (b) any other person who (whether in connection with the provision of education for the child or otherwise)—
 - (i) works at that school or place, or
 - (ii) otherwise provides his services there (whether or not for payment), and has lawful control or charge of the child.
- (7) “Child” (except in subsection (8)) means a person under the age of 18.
- [^{F6}(8) “Specified early years education” means—
 - (a) in relation to England, early years provision as defined by section 20 of the Childcare Act 2006 which is
 - (i) [^{F7}provided under arrangements made by a local authority in England in pursuance of the duty imposed by section 7 of that Act (whether or not the local authority provides the early years provision);]^{F8}or
 - (ii) provided under arrangements made by a local authority in pursuance of any duty imposed under section 2 of the Childcare Act 2016 (whether or not the local authority provides the early years provision),]
 - (b) in relation to Wales, full-time or part-time education suitable for children who have not attained compulsory school age which is provided—
 - (i) by a [^{F4}local authority] in Wales, or
 - (ii) by any other person who is in receipt of financial assistance given by such an authority under arrangements made by them in pursuance of the duty imposed by section 118 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.]]

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 548 substituted (1.9.1999) by 1998 c. 31, ss. 131(1) (with ss. 138(9), 144(6)); S.I. 1999/2323, art. 2(1), Sch. 1

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- F4** Words in Act substituted (5.5.2010) by [The Local Education Authorities and Children's Services Authorities \(Integration of Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1158\)](#), **Sch. 2 para. 7(2)** (with Sch. 2 para. 7(4)(5))
- F5** Words in s. 548(1)(c) substituted (1.9.2008 for E.) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 2 para. 27(2)**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F6** S. 548(8) substituted (1.9.2008 for E.) by [Childcare Act 2006 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 109(2), **Sch. 2 para. 27(3)**; S.I. 2008/2261, art. 2 (with Sch. 1)
- F7** Words in s. 548(8)(a) renumbered as s. 548(8)(a)(i) (10.1.2017) by [The Childcare \(Early Years Provision Free of Charge\) \(Extended Entitlement\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1257\)](#), regs. 1(2), **40(4)(a)**
- F8** S. 548(8)(a)(ii) and word inserted (10.1.2017) by [The Childcare \(Early Years Provision Free of Charge\) \(Extended Entitlement\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1257\)](#), regs. 1(2), **40(4)(b)**

F9 549

Textual Amendments

- F9** S. 549 repealed (1.9.1999) by [1998 c. 31](#), ss. 131(2), 140(1)(3), Sch. 30 para. 164, **Sch.31** (with ss. 138(9), 144(6)); S.I. 1999/2323, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**

F10 550

Textual Amendments

- F10** S. 550 repealed (1.9.1999) by [1998 c. 31](#), ss. 131(2), 140(1)(3), Sch. 30 para. 164, **Sch.31** (with ss. 138(9), 144(6)); S.I. 1999/2323, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**

[^{F11} Power to restrain pupils]

Textual Amendments

- F11** S. 550A and cross-heading inserted (1.9.1998) by [1997 c. 44](#), s. 4 (with s. 57(3)); S.I. 1998/386, art. 2(4), **Sch. 1 Pt. IV**

F12, **F13** **550A** Power of members of staff to restrain pupils.
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Textual Amendments

- F12** S. 550A repealed (1.4.2007 for E., 31.10.2010 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), ss. 96(a), 188(3), **Sch. 18 Sch. 6**; S.I. 2007/935, art. 4(a)(d); S.I. 2010/2543, art. 2(f)(m)
- F13** S. 550A and cross-heading inserted (1.9.1998) by [1997 c. 44](#), s. 4 (with s. 57(3)); S.I. 1998/386, art. 2(4), **Sch. 1 Pt. IV**

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F14 Powers to search pupils

Textual Amendments

F14 Ss. 550ZA-550ZD inserted (1.9.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009](#) (c. 22), **ss. 242(1)**, 269(4); S.I. 2010/303, art. 6, Sch. 5 (as amended (26.7.2010) by S.I. 2010/1891, art. 2(2) (with art. 3))

550ZA Power of members of staff to search pupils for prohibited items: England

- (1) This section applies where a member of staff of a school in England—
- (a) has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a pupil at the school may have a prohibited item with him or her or in his or her possessions; and
 - (b) falls within section 550ZB(1).
- (2) The member of staff may search the pupil (“P”) or P’s possessions for that item.
- (3) For the purposes of this section and section 550ZC each of the following is a “prohibited item”—
- (a) an article to which section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 applies (knives and blades etc);
 - (b) an offensive weapon, within the meaning of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953;
 - (c) alcohol, within the meaning of section 191 of the Licensing Act 2003;
 - (d) a controlled drug, within the meaning of section 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, which section 5(1) of that Act makes it unlawful for P to have in P’s possession;
 - (e) a stolen article;
 - ^{F15}(ea) [an article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used—
 - (i) to commit an offence, or
 - (ii) to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including P);]
 - (f) an article of a kind specified in regulations.
 - ^{F16}(g) [any other item which the school rules identify as an item for which a search may be made.]
- (4) In subsection (3)(e) “stolen”, in relation to an article, has the same meaning as it has by virtue of section 24 of the Theft Act 1968 in the provisions of that Act relating to goods which have been stolen.
- [In subsection (3)(ea)(i), “offence” includes anything that would be an offence but for ^{F17}(4A) the operation of any presumption that a person under a particular age is incapable of committing an offence.
- (4B) In subsection (3)(g), the “school rules” means—
- (a) in the case of a maintained school or a non-maintained special school, rules in force at the school that are made under measures determined and publicised by the head teacher under section 89 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006;
 - (b) in the case of any other school, measures relating to discipline in the school that are determined and publicised in accordance with regulations.

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- (4C) In subsection (4B)(a)—
- “maintained school” means—
 - (a) a community, foundation or voluntary school,
 - (b) a community or foundation special school,
 - (c) a maintained nursery school, or
 - (d) a pupil referral unit;
- “non-maintained special school” means a school that is approved under section 342.]
- (5) In this section and section 550ZB—
- “member of staff”, in relation to a school, means—
 - (a) any teacher who works at the school; and
 - (b) any other person who, with the authority of the head teacher, has lawful control or charge of pupils for whom education is being provided at the school;
- “possessions”, in relation to P, includes any goods over which P has or appears to have control.
- (6) The powers conferred by this section and sections 550ZB and 550ZC are in addition to any powers exercisable by the member of staff in question apart from those sections and are not to be construed as restricting such powers.

Textual Amendments

- F15** S. 550ZA(3)(ea) inserted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), ss. 2(2)(a), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F16** S. 550ZA(3)(g) inserted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), ss. 2(2)(b), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F17** Ss. 550ZA(4A)-(4C) inserted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), ss. 2(2)(c), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

550ZB Power of search under section 550ZA: supplementary

- (1) A person may carry out a search under section 550ZA only if that person—
- (a) is the head teacher of the school; or
 - (b) has been authorised by the head teacher to carry out the search.
- (2) An authorisation for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) may be given in relation to—
- (a) searches under section 550ZA generally;
 - (b) a particular search under that section;
 - (c) a particular description of searches under that section.
- (3) Nothing in any enactment, instrument or agreement shall be construed as authorising a head teacher of a school in England to require a person other than a member of the security staff of the school to carry out a search under section 550ZA.
- (4) A search under section 550ZA may be carried out only where—
- (a) the member of staff and P are on the premises of the school; or
 - (b) they are elsewhere and the member of staff has lawful control or charge of P.

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- (5) A person exercising the power in section 550ZA [F18 to search for an item within section 550ZA(3)(a) to (f)] may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances for exercising that power.
- (6) A person carrying out a search of P under section 550ZA—
- (a) may not require P to remove any clothing other than outer clothing;
 - (b) must be of the same sex as P[F19, unless the condition in subsection (6A) is satisfied];
 - (c) may carry out the search only in the presence of another member of staff[F20, unless the condition in subsection (6A) is satisfied]; and
 - (d) must ensure that the other member of staff is of the same sex as P if it is reasonably practicable to do so.
- [The condition is satisfied if—
- F21(6A) (a) the person carrying out the search reasonably believes that there is a risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if the search is not carried out as a matter of urgency, and
- (b) in the time available it is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out by a person of the same sex as P or in the presence of another member of staff (as the case may be).]
- (7) P's possessions may not be searched under section 550ZA except in the presence of—
- (a) P; and
 - (b) another member of staff[F22, unless the condition in subsection (7A) is satisfied].
- [The condition is satisfied if—
- F23(7A) (a) the person carrying out the search reasonably believes that there is a risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if the search is not carried out as a matter of urgency, and
- (b) in the time available it is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out in the presence of another member of staff.]
- (8) In this section—
- “member of the security staff”, in relation to a school, means a member of staff whose work at the school consists wholly or mainly of security-related activities;
- “outer clothing” means—
- (a) any item of clothing that is being worn otherwise than wholly next to the skin or immediately over a garment being worn as underwear; or
 - (b) a hat, shoes, boots, gloves or a scarf.

Textual Amendments

F18 Words in s. 550ZB(5) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 2(3)(a)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

F19 Words in s. 550ZB(6)(b) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 2(3)(b)(i)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

F20 Words in s. 550ZB(6)(c) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 2(3)(b)(ii)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

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- F21** S. 550ZB(6A) inserted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), ss. 2(3)(c), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F22** Words in s. 550ZB(7)(b) inserted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), ss. 2(3)(d), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F23** S. 550ZB(7A) inserted (1.4.2012) by Education Act 2011 (c. 21), ss. 2(3)(e), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

550ZC Power to seize items found during search under section 550ZA

- (1) A person carrying out a search under section 550ZA may seize any of the following found in the course of the search—
- anything which that person has reasonable grounds for suspecting is a prohibited item;
 - any other thing which that person has reasonable grounds for suspecting is evidence in relation to an offence.
- (2) A person exercising the power in subsection (1) [^{F24}to seize an item within section 550ZA(3)(a) to (f) or anything within subsection (1)(b)] may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances for exercising that power.
- (3) A person who seizes alcohol under subsection (1) may retain or dispose of the alcohol and its container.
- (4) A person who seizes a controlled drug under subsection (1)—
- must (subject to paragraph (b)) deliver it to a police constable as soon as reasonably practicable; but
 - may dispose of it if the person thinks that there is a good reason to do so.
- (5) A person who seizes a stolen article under subsection (1)—
- must (subject to paragraph (b)) deliver it to a police constable as soon as reasonably practicable; but
 - may return it to its owner (or, if returning it to its owner is not practicable, may retain it or dispose of it) if the person thinks that there is a good reason to do so.
- (6) In determining, for the purposes of subsections (4) and (5), whether there is a good reason to dispose of a controlled drug or to return a stolen article to its owner, retain it or dispose of it, the person must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- [A person who seizes an item that is a prohibited item by virtue of section 550ZA(3) ^{F25}(6A) (ea) (article used in commission of offence or to cause personal injury or damage to property) under subsection (1) must—
- deliver the item to a police constable as soon as reasonably practicable,
 - return the item to its owner,
 - retain the item, or
 - dispose of the item.
- (6B) A person who seizes an item that is a prohibited item by virtue of section 550ZA(3) (g) (item for which search may be made under school rules) under subsection (1) must return it to its owner, retain it or dispose of it.

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- (6C) In deciding what to do with an item under subsection (6A) or (6B), the person who seized it must have regard to guidance issued for the purpose of this section by the Secretary of State.
- (6D) Subsections (6E) and (6F) apply to an item that—
- (a) has been seized under subsection (1),
 - (b) is a prohibited item by virtue of section 550ZA(3)(ea) or (g), and
 - (c) is an electronic device.
- (6E) The person who seized the item may examine any data or files on the device, if the person thinks there is a good reason to do so.
- (6F) Following an examination under subsection (6E), if the person has decided to return the item to its owner, retain it or dispose of it, the person may erase any data or files from the device if the person thinks there is a good reason to do so.
- (6G) In determining whether there is a good reason for the purposes of subsection (6E) or (6F), the person must have regard to any guidance issued for the purposes of this section by the Secretary of State.]
- (7) Regulations may prescribe what must or may be done by a person who, under subsection (1), seizes an article of a kind specified in regulations under section 550ZA(3)(f) (or an article which the person has reasonable grounds for suspecting to be such an article).
- (8) A person who, under subsection (1), seizes—
- (a) an article to which section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 applies (knives and blades etc);
 - (b) an offensive weapon; or
 - (c) anything which that person has reasonable grounds for suspecting is evidence in relation to an offence;
- must deliver it to a police constable as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (9) Subsection (8)(c) is subject to subsections (3), (4)^{F26}, (5) and (6A)] and regulations made under subsection (7).
- (10) In subsections (3) to (8), references to alcohol, a controlled drug, a stolen article, an article to which section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 applies and an offensive weapon include references to anything which the person has reasonable grounds for suspecting is alcohol, a controlled drug, a stolen article, an article to which section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 applies or an offensive weapon.

Textual Amendments

- F24** Words in s. 550ZC(2) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 2(4)(a)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F25** Ss. 550ZC(6A)-(6G) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 2(4)(b)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F26** Words in s. 550ZC(9) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), **ss. 2(4)(c)**, 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

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550ZD Section 550ZC: supplementary

(1) The Police (Property) Act 1897 (disposal of property in the possession of the police) applies to property which has come into the possession of a police constable under section 550ZC(4)(a), (5)(a)^{F27}, (6A)(a)] or (8) as it applies to property which has come into the possession of the police in the circumstances mentioned in that Act.

(2) Subsection (3) applies where a person—

- (a) seizes, retains or disposes of [^{F28}an item within subsection (2A)] under section 550ZC; and
- (b) proves that the seizure, retention or disposal was lawful.

[The items referred to in subsection (2)(a) are—

- ^{F29}(2A)
- (a) alcohol or its container;
 - (b) a controlled drug;
 - (c) a stolen article;
 - (d) an item that is a prohibited item by virtue of section 550ZA(3)(ea) or (g).

(2B) Subsection (3) also applies where a person—

- (a) erases data or a file from an electronic device under section 550ZC(6F); and
- (b) proves that the erasure was lawful.]

(3) That person is not liable in any proceedings in respect of—

- (a) the seizure, retention^{F30}, disposal or erasure]; or
- (b) any damage or loss which arises in consequence of it.

(4) Subsections (2)^{F31}, (2B)] and (3) do not prevent any person from relying on any defence on which the person is entitled to rely apart from those subsections.

(5) Regulations under section 550ZC(7) may make provision corresponding to any provision of this section.]

Textual Amendments

- F27** Words in s. 550ZD(1) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), ss. 2\(5\)\(a\)](#), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F28** Words in s. 550ZD(2)(a) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), ss. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F29** S. 550ZD(2A)(2B) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), ss. 2\(5\)\(c\)](#), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F30** Words in s. 550ZD(3)(a) substituted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), ss. 2\(5\)\(d\)](#), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2
- F31** Word in s. 550ZD(4) inserted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\), ss. 2\(5\)\(e\)](#), 82(3); S.I. 2012/924, art. 2

^{F32}550A Power of members of staff to search pupils for weapons [^{F33}: Wales]

(1) A member of the staff of a school [^{F34}in Wales] who has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a pupil at the school may have with him or in his possessions—

- (a) an article to which section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 applies (knives and blades etc.), or

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- (b) an offensive weapon (within the meaning of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953),
 may search that pupil or his possessions for such articles and weapons.
- (2) A search under this section may be carried out only where—
- (a) the member of the staff and the pupil are on the premises of the school; or
 - (b) they are elsewhere and the member of the staff has lawful control or charge of the pupil.
- (3) A person may carry out a search under this section only if—
- (a) he is the head teacher of the school; or
 - (b) he has been authorised by the head teacher to carry out the search.
- (4) Nothing in any enactment, instrument or agreement shall be construed as authorising a head teacher of a school [^{F35}in Wales] to require a person other than a member of the security staff of the school to carry out a search under this section.
- (5) A person who carries out a search of a pupil under this section—
- (a) may not require the pupil to remove any clothing other than outer clothing;
 - (b) must be of the same sex as the pupil; and
 - (c) may carry out the search only in the presence of another member of the staff who is also of the same sex as the pupil.
- (6) A pupil's possessions may not be searched under this section except in his presence and in the presence of another member of the staff.
- (7) If, in the course of a search under this section, the person carrying out the search finds—
- (a) anything which he has reasonable grounds for suspecting falls within subsection (1)(a) or (b), or
 - (b) any other thing which he has reasonable grounds for suspecting is evidence in relation to an offence,
- he may seize and retain it.
- (8) A person who exercises a power under this section may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances for exercising that power.
- (9) A person who seizes anything under subsection (7) must deliver it to a police constable as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (10) The Police (Property) Act 1897 (disposal of property in the possession of the police) shall apply to property which has come into the possession of a police constable under this section as it applies to property which has come into the possession of the police in the circumstances mentioned in that Act.
- (11) An authorisation for the purposes of subsection (3)(b) may be given either in relation to a particular search or generally in relation to searches under this section or to a particular description of such searches.
- (12) In this section—
- “member of the staff”, in relation to a school, means—
- (a) any teacher who works at the school; and

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(b) any other person who, with the authority of the head teacher, has lawful control or charge of pupils for whom education is being provided at the school;

“member of the security staff” means a member of the staff whose work at the school consists wholly or mainly of security-related activities;

“outer clothing” means—

(a) any item of clothing that is being worn otherwise than wholly next to the skin or immediately over a garment being worn as underwear; or

(b) a hat, shoes, boots, gloves or a scarf;

“possessions”, in relation to a pupil of a school, includes any goods over which he has or appears to have control.

(13) The powers conferred by this section are in addition to any powers exercisable by the member of the staff in question apart from this section and are not to be construed as restricting such powers.]

Textual Amendments

F32 S. 550AA inserted (31.5.2007 for E., 31.10.2010 for W.) by [Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 \(c. 38\)](#), [ss. 45, 66\(2\)](#); S.I. 2007/858, [art. 3\(a\)](#); S.I. 2010/2426, [art. 2](#)

F33 Word in s. 550AA title inserted (1.9.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 243\(2\)](#), [269\(4\)](#); S.I. 2010/303, [art. 6, Sch. 5](#) (as amended (26.7.2010) by S.I. 2010/1891, [art. 2\(2\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)))

F34 Words in s. 550AA(1) inserted (1.9.2010) by [Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 243\(3\)](#), [269\(4\)](#); S.I. 2010/303, [art. 6, Sch. 5](#) (as amended (26.7.2010) by S.I. 2010/1891, [art. 2\(2\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)))

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[^{F36} Detention]

Textual Amendments

F36 S. 550B and cross-heading inserted (1.9.1998) by [1997 c. 44, s. 5](#) (with [s. 57\(3\)](#)); S.I. 1998/386, [art. 2\(4\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. IV](#)

^{F37} **550B Detention outside school hours lawful despite absence of parental consent.**

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Textual Amendments

F37 S. 550B repealed (1.4.2007 for E., 31.10.2010 for W.) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), [ss. 96\(a\)](#), [188\(3\)](#), [Sch. 18 Sch. 6](#); S.I. 2007/935, [art. 4\(a\)\(d\)](#); S.I. 2010/2543, [art. 2\(f\)\(m\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Education Act 1996, Chapter II is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 April 2024. 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.

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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](#)