



2016 CHAPTER 8

*Duties of the Education Authority and Boards of Governors*

**Duty of Authority to have regard to the views of the child**

1. After Article 5 of the 1996 Order (and after the cross-heading following that Article) insert—

**“5A Duty of Authority to have regard to the views of the child**

**5A.** In exercising its functions under this Part in relation to a particular child the Authority shall—

- (a) so far as reasonably practicable, seek and have regard to the views of that child;
- (b) have regard to—
  - (i) the importance of that child participating in decisions; and
  - (ii) the importance of that child being provided with the information and support necessary to enable participation in those decisions.”.