



# Education Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 56

### PART III

#### GRANT-MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

### CHAPTER II

#### PROCEDURE FOR ACQUISITION OF GRANT-MAINTAINED STATUS

#### *Ballot of parents*

#### **189 Ballot of parents**

- (1) Where the governing body of a school are under a duty by virtue of section 186 or 187 to secure that a ballot is held, they shall secure that all necessary arrangements for the ballot are made by such body as may be prescribed.
- (2) The arrangements shall provide for a secret postal ballot.
- (3) The governing body shall secure that the prescribed body take such steps as are reasonably practicable to secure that every person who is eligible to vote in the ballot is—
  - (a) given the prescribed information,
  - (b) informed that he is entitled to vote in the ballot, and
  - (c) given an opportunity to do so.
- (4) The governing body shall make available to every person employed to work at the school for inspection at the school (at all reasonable times and free of charge) a document containing the information required by subsection (3)(a) to be given to persons eligible to vote in the ballot.
- (5) In determining the arrangements they require to be made by the prescribed body, the governing body shall take into account any guidance given by the Secretary of State

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from time to time as to the arrangements he considers appropriate for ballots held in accordance with this section.

- (6) The governing body may promote (otherwise than as part of the arrangements made for the ballot) the case for seeking grant-maintained status for the school and, in doing so, they shall take into account any guidance given by the Secretary of State as to the action he considers appropriate for the purpose.