



Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 38

PART 3

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Truancy and ^{F1}misbehaviour at] school

24 Interpretation

In this section and ^{F1}sections 19 to 22A]—

“the appropriate person” means—

- (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State, and
- (b) in relation to Wales, the National Assembly for Wales,

“child of compulsory school age” has the same meaning as in the 1996 Act, and “child” is to be construed accordingly,

^{F2}“governing body”, in relation to a relevant school which is an ^{F3}Academy school, alternative provision Academy] , a city technology college or a city college for the technology of the arts, means the proprietor of the school, as defined by section 579(1) of the 1996 Act;]

“head teacher” includes acting head teacher, teacher in charge and acting teacher in charge,

“^{F4}local authority]” has the same meaning as in the 1996 Act,

“parent”, in relation to a pupil or child, is to be construed in accordance with section 576 of the 1996 Act, but does not include a person who is not an individual,

“pupil” is to be construed in accordance with section 3(1) and (1A) of the 1996 Act,

“registered pupil” has the meaning given by section 434(5) of the 1996 Act,

^{F5} “ relevant school ” means—]

- (a) a community, foundation or voluntary school,
- (b) a community or foundation special school,

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- (c) a maintained nursery school as defined in section 22(9) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998,
 - (d) a pupil referral unit as defined in section 19(2) [^{F6}or 19A(2)] of the 1996 Act,
 - (e) [^{F7}an Academy school,
 - (ea) an alternative provision Academy,]
 - (f) a city technology college, or
 - (g) a city college for the technology of the arts,
- “responsible officer”, in relation to a parenting order, means one of the following who is specified in the order, namely—
- (a) an officer of a [^{F4}local authority] , and
 - (b) a head teacher or a person nominated by a head teacher,
- but a person falling within paragraph (b) may not be specified in the order without his consent,
- “the 1996 Act” means the Education Act 1996 (c. 56).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 24 substituted (1.9.2007 for E., 31.10.2010 for W. for specified purposes and 5.1.2011 so far as not already in force) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), [ss. 99\(4\)\(a\)](#), 188(3); [S.I. 2007/1801](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2010/2543](#), [arts. 2\(h\)](#), 3(a)
- F2** Words in s. 24 inserted (1.9.2007 for E., 31.10.2010 for W. for specified purposes and 5.1.2011 so far as not already in force) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), [ss. 99\(4\)\(b\)](#), 188(3); [S.I. 2007/1801](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2010/2543](#), [arts. 2\(h\)](#), 3(a)
- F3** Words in s. 24 substituted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 82\(3\)](#), [Sch. 13 para. 11\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2012/924](#), [art. 2](#)
- F4** Words in s. 24 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. 52](#)
- F5** Words in s. 24 substituted (8.11.2006) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), [s. 188\(1\)](#), [Sch. 16 para. 4](#)
- F6** Words in s. 24 inserted (30.4.2021) by [Curriculum and Assessment \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 4\)](#), [s. 84\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 50](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2022/111](#), [regs. 1, 3](#))
- F7** Words in s. 24 substituted (1.4.2012) by [Education Act 2011 \(c. 21\)](#), [s. 82\(3\)](#), [Sch. 13 para. 11\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2012/924](#), [art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 24 in force at 27.2.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2003/3300](#), [art. 4\(e\)](#)
- I2** S. 24 in force at 11.5.2006 for W. by [S.I. 2006/1278](#), [art. 2](#)

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