



Education Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 18

PART 1

SCHOOL INSPECTIONS AND OTHER INSPECTIONS BY SCHOOL INSPECTORS

CHAPTER 6

OTHER INSPECTIONS: ENGLAND AND WALES

[^{F1}local authority] inspections

Textual Amendments

- F1** 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. 13\(2\)](#)

51 Power of [^{F1}local authority] to inspect maintained school for specific purpose

(1) Where—

- (a) for the purpose of enabling them to exercise any [^{F2}education] function of theirs, a [^{F1}local authority] require information about any matter in connection with a school which is maintained by them, and
- (b) it is not reasonably practicable for them to obtain the information in any other manner,

they may cause an inspection of the school to be made by one or more of their officers for the purpose of obtaining the information.

- (2) An officer of a [^{F1}local authority] inspecting a school under this section has at all reasonable times a right of entry to the premises of the school.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Education Act 2005, Cross Heading: local authority inspections. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F2** Word in s. 51(1)(a) inserted (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. 13(4)**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 51 wholly in force; s. 51 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 125; s. 51 in force for E. at 1.9.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2034](#), art. 4; S. 51 in force for W. at 1.9.2006 by [S. I. 2006/1338](#), art. 3, Sch. 1

52 Provision of inspection services by [^{F3}local authorities] in Wales

- (1) Any [^{F1}local authority] in Wales may provide a school inspection service for schools within their area.
- (2) In this section “school inspection service”, in relation to any [^{F1}local authority] in Wales, means a service providing for the inspection of schools under section 28 or 50 by officers of the authority.
- (3) Any school inspection service provided by a [^{F1}local authority] in Wales may, in addition to providing for the inspection of schools which are maintained by them, provide for the inspection of schools which are not maintained by them.
- (4) Any school inspection service provided by a [^{F1}local authority] in Wales must be operated by the authority in such a way as can reasonably be expected to ensure that the full cost of providing the service is recovered by way of charges made by the authority to those using the service.
- (5) The Assembly may by regulations—
 - (a) make provision as to the making of tenders by [^{F3}local authorities] in Wales (as required by paragraph 2 of Schedule 4),
 - (b) make provision with respect to the accounts to be kept by [^{F3}local authorities] in connection with any school inspection services provided by them, and
 - (c) make such incidental and supplemental provision with respect to school inspection services provided by [^{F3}local authorities] as the Assembly considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F3** 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. 13(3)**

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