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## Schools (Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985

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| *Made* . . . . . | *31st July 1985* |
| *Coming into operation* . . . | *1st January 1986* |

The Department of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 38A(3)(**a**) and 125(1) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These regulations may be cited as the Schools (Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1986.

*Interpretation*

**2.** In these regulations—

"board" means the education and library board for the area in which the school is situated;

"Chairman of the Board of Governors" includes, where the Chairman is absent or otherwise unavailable, the member of the Board of Governors for the time being performing the duties of Chairman;

"the Order" means the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

"school day" means a day on which a school is in operation;

"principal" includes, where the principal is absent or otherwise unavailable, the vice-principal or other person for the time being performing the duties of principal.

*Matters for which provision should be made in schemes*

**3.** A scheme prepared under Article 38A of the Order by a board or the managers of a voluntary school shall include provision for the following matters—

(*a*) a pupil may be suspended from a school only by the principal;

(*b*) an initial period of suspension may not exceed five school days;

(*c*) where a pupil is suspended from a school, the principal must immediately—

(i) give written notification of the reasons for the suspension and the period of suspension to the parent of the pupil, to the board and to the Chairman of the Board of Governors or, in the case of a voluntary school referred to in Article 9(8)(**c**) of the Order, to the manager; and

(ii) invite the parent of the pupil to visit the school to discuss the suspension;

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(**a**) As inserted by S.I. 1984/1156 (N.I. 6) Art. 25

(**b**) S.I. 1972/1263 (N.I. 12)

(**c**) As inserted by S.I. 1984/1156 (N.I. 6) Art. 4. *See also* definition of "managers" in Art. 2(2) of S.I. 1972/1263 (N.I. 12) (as substituted by para. 1(*d*) of Schedule 8 to S.I. 1984/1156 (N.I. 6))