APPENDIX 5

Timeline of schools and children’s welfare since 1870

The timeline on the following pages shows how children’s rights and state involvement in childcare have evolved in England.
Figure A5.1: Schools and children’s welfare since 1870

- 1870: The Elementary Education Act
- 1880: Education Act
- 1902: Education Act
- 1908: Children Act
- 1918: Education Act
- 1933: Children and Young Person’s Act
- 1944: Education Act
- 1945: Inquiry into the death of Dennis O’Neil
- 1946: Curtis Report (The Care of Children Committee)
- 1948: Children Act
- 1968: Seebohm Report (Committee on Local Authority and Allied Personal Social Services)
- 1974: Inquiry into the death of Maria Colwell Memorandum on Non-Accidental Injury to Children (Department of Health and Social Security)
  The Ralphs Report (Local Government Training Board)
- 1978: Inquiry into the death of Lester Chapman
- 1982: Barclay Report
- 1985: Inquiry into the death of Jasmine Beckford
- 1988: Working Together guidance (Department of Health and Social Security)
  Circular on the role of education services in the protection of children from abuse (Department of Education and Science)
  The 1988 Education Reform Act
- 1989: Children Act 1989
- 1990s: Training and support for schools in relation to child protection increased

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