

the borough of Stockport, in the several counties of Chester and Lancaster, a School Board for the district of the said borough was duly elected on the 1st day of December, 1870.

Now, at a meeting of the School Board of the said borough of Stockport, held at Stockport, in the said borough, on Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1871, at which meeting a quorum of the members of such Board are present, the said Board do hereby, in pursuance of the aforesaid powers, and subject to the approval of the Education Department, make and ordain the following Bye-laws, in which:—

1. The term "Education Department" means "The Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education."

The term "Her Majesty's Inspectors" means "The Inspectors of Schools appointed by Her Majesty, on the recommendation of the Education Department."

The term "Borough of Stockport," or "Borough," means "The Municipal Borough of Stockport as enlarged and extended by the Act for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales," and includes any future enlargement or extension of such municipal borough.

The term "School Board" or "Board," means "The School Board of the School District of the Borough of Stockport."

The term "School," or "Public Elementary School," means a Public Elementary School as defined by the said Act, and includes a Free School but not an Industrial School.

The term "School Managers" means a body of managers appointed by the Board, pursuant to the 15th section of the said Act.

The term "Officer" means an officer appointed by the Board, pursuant to the 36th section of the said Act.

The term "Parent" includes guardian and every person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of any child, but does not include the mother of a child when the father is living, and is residing within the borough.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and of these Bye-laws, the parent of every child not less than five years of age, nor more than thirteen years of age, residing within the district of the said borough, shall cause such child to attend school, unless there is some reasonable excuse.

3. The time during which every child shall attend school shall be the whole time for which the school shall be open for the instruction of children of similar age, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal by the parent of any child during the time or times in which any religious observance is practised, or instruction in religious subjects is given, and that no child shall be required—

(a.) To attend school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his or her parent belongs.

(b.) To attend school on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or any day set apart for a day of Public Fast or Thanksgiving, or on Saturday after twelve o'clock at noon.

(c.) To attend school on any day fixed for the inspection of the school, and the examination of the Scholars therein, in respect of religious subjects, if the child has been withdrawn by his or her parent from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects in such school.

Provided also, that any requirement herein contained shall not be held or construed to apply to any child employed in labour, and receiving instruction in conformity with the provisions of the Factory Acts, or of any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

4. In case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child between 10 and 13 years of age has reached the fifth standard of education mentioned in the Revised Code of Regulations of the Education Department, made on the 7th day of February, 1871, such child shall be totally exempt from the obligation to attend school, and any such child who has been so certified to have reached the 4th standard of education mentioned in the said Code, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than fifteen hours in any one week.

5. A child shall not be required to attend school:

(a) If such child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.

(b) If such child has been prevented from attending school by sickness, or any unavoidable cause.

(c) If there is no Public Elementary School open which such child can attend within one mile—measured, according to the nearest road from the residence of such child.

6. Where the parent of any child attending any school which is not a free school, satisfies the School Board that he is unable from poverty to pay the whole or some part of the school fees of such child, the School Board in the case of a school provided by the Board may remit, and in the case of any other school may pay, the whole or such part of the fees as in the opinion of the Board the parent is unable to pay, for a renewable period to be fixed by the Board not exceeding six calendar months.

7. An officer may visit the parent of any child, who, according to his information and belief, is not attending School, or under efficient instruction, and may then or subsequently serve upon such parent, either personally or by leaving the same at his or her last known place of abode, a notice in the form or to the effect prescribed in the Schedule to these Bye-laws.

8. The particulars of each Notice served upon parents shall be recorded by the officer serving the same, in a book to be provided by the Board, which shall be laid before the Board at each ordinary meeting.

9. No proceeding against any parent for breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be taken until after the expiration of 14 days from the service of the notice prescribed by Bye-law (No. 7), nor until such parent has had an opportunity of attending a meeting of the Board, or of a Committee thereof, or of the school managers to state his or her reasons for not complying with the said notice.

10. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding five shillings, including costs, provided that all breaches of these Bye-laws by a parent in one and the same week, shall be deemed one offence.

11. These Bye-laws shall take effect from and after the day on which the same shall be sanctioned by Order in Council.