

between ten and thirteen years of age has reached the 5th 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 15 hours in any one week.

Determining the time during which Children shall attend School.

III. The time during which children shall so attend school, shall be the whole time the school is open for the instruction of children of similar age, except in the cases mentioned in Bye-law No. 2 : provided :—

- (a.) That nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects.
- (b.) That no child shall be required to attend school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his or her parent belongs.
- (c.) That no child be required 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 12 o'clock at noon.
- (d.) That no child be required 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of the school and the examination of the scholars therein, in respect of religious subjects, if the child has been withdrawn by his or her parent from any religious observance, or instruction in religious subjects in such school.
- (e.) Provided also that any requirement contained in these Bye-laws shall not be held, or construed to be contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

Providing for remission of School Fees in case of Poverty.

IV. If the parent of any child satisfies the School Board that the reason that his or her child does not attend school, is that he or she is unable, from poverty to pay the school fees of such child, the School Board in the case of a school provided by the Board will remit 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.

Requiring Notice to Parent to cause Child to attend School.

V. An officer appointed for the purpose by the Board, 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 at a subsequent time, serve upon such parent a notice in the form or to the effect prescribed in the Schedule to these Bye-laws; and unless the parent object, the officer shall read over and explain such notice, and the consequences of neglecting to comply therewith, to the parent at the time of service.

Requiring particulars of Notice to be recorded.

VI. 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.

Prohibiting Officers from disclosing Information.

VII. No officer shall disclose the fact of service of any such notice, or give any information relating thereto to any person, not a member or officer of the Board, or a Manager or Principal Teacher of a school.

Providing that no Proceedings shall be taken until after 14 days from Service.

VIII. No proceeding shall be commenced against any parent for a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, until after the expiration of fourteen days from the service of the notice prescribed by Bye-law No. 5, nor until such parent has had an opportunity of attending a meeting of the Board, or of a Committee thereof, or of the Managers of a school, to state his or her reasons for not complying with the said notice.

Penalty for breach of Bye-laws.

IX. Any parent committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be subject to a penalty which, with the costs, shall not exceed five shillings for each offence, provided that all breaches of these Bye-laws by a parent in one and the same week, shall be deemed one offence.

As to the revocation or alteration of Bye-laws.

X. The Board may from time to time revoke or alter these, or any other Bye-laws hereafter made, or any one or more of such Bye-laws, provided that seven clear days' written or printed notice shall be given to every member of the Board, (such notice pointing out every Bye-law it is intended to revoke or alter as the case may be,) and that the precise terms of any proposed new Bye-law, whether the same be by way of addition to, substitution for, or alteration of any then existing Bye-law, be clearly contained in such notice; and that such revocation, alteration, or addition shall be voted by not less than two-thirds of the members present at an ordinary meeting, and that until any altered or new Bye-law shall be sanctioned by Her Majesty in Council (as directed by the Elementary Education Act), the then existing Bye-laws shall continue in full force: Provided also that in all other respects not inconsistent with this Bye-law, the regulations of the Board for the time being with respect to summoning, notice, place, management, and adjournment of the meetings of the Board shall apply to the consideration and determination of such revocation, alteration, or addition.

Date on which Bye-laws shall come into operation.

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

Sealed with the Corporate
Common Seal of the School
Board of the parish of
West Bromwich, this 8th
day of August, 1871.

Thomas Davis, Chairman.

Sealed in the presence of
George Fillmore, Clerk.



[SCHEDULE.]

FORM OF NOTICE.

West Bromwich School Board.

NOTICE TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

To My.

TAKE NOTICE that you are required within fourteen days from the service hereof, to cause