

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 city.

Bye-laws.

1. The parent of every child residing within the Manchester School District shall cause such child, being not less than five, nor more than thirteen years old, to attend a Public Elementary School, unless there be a reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

The following shall be deemed reasonable excuses:—

- (a.) Sickness or some other cause which, in the opinion of the School Board, shall be deemed reasonable.
- (b.) That such child is subject, for the time being, to the provisions of any statutes for regulating the education of children in certain employments.
- (c.) That such child is otherwise under efficient instruction.
- (d.) That such child, having attained the age of ten years, has passed a public examination according to the 4th standard of the Government Code of February, 1871, and has obtained a certificate to that effect from one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools.
- (e.) That any such child who has been so certified to have passed a public examination according to the 3rd standard of education mentioned in the said code, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend more than one-half of the meetings of the school in any one week.

2. 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, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the withdrawal of any child from any religious observance or instruction in religious subjects, or shall require any child to attend school on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his parent belongs, or shall be deemed or construed as being contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

3. 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 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.

4. 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.

5. An officer shall not disclose the fact of service of any such notice, or any information relating thereto, to any person not a member or officer of the Board, or a manager or principal teacher of a school.

6. No proceeding against any parent for breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be taken until after the expiration of fourteen days from the service of the notice prescribed by Bye-law No. 3, nor until such parent has had an oppor-

tunity 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.

7. Every parent who shall neglect or not observe these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall upon conviction be liable to a penalty not exceeding five shillings, including costs, for each offence: Provided always, that no person shall be liable to be convicted more than once in respect of acts of such negligence or non-observance occurring in one and the same week: And provided also, that no proceedings shall be taken against any parent whose child has attended four-fifths of the meetings of the school during the four weeks next preceding the week in which the report is made.

8. Whenever the parent of any child shall satisfy the School Board that he is unable from poverty to pay the school fees for such child, the School Board shall, for a renewable period not exceeding six calendar months, pay such fees to the managers of the school attended or proposed to be attended by such child: Provided that the school fees shall be allowed in the following cases only, excepting under special order of the Board, and that such fees shall not in any case exceed the scale hereinafter mentioned:—

- (a.) Where the family consists of two persons, and the weekly income (after allowing for rent) does not exceed 4*s.* per head per week;
- (b.) Where the family consists of three or four persons, and the income (after allowing for rent) does not exceed 3*s.* 6*d.* per head per week;
- (c.) Where the family consists of five or six persons, and the income (after allowing for rent) does not exceed 3*s.* per head per week.

Scale of Fees.

Boys	...	...	...	...	4 <i>d.</i> per week.
Girls	...	...	...	...	3 <i>d.</i> per week.
Infants' Schools, and all children under six years of age	...	...	...	...	3 <i>d.</i> per week.

No extra charge is to be made for books or other school requisites, whether for school or home use, by children who are paid for by the Board.

Note.—These Bye-laws will come into force immediately after receiving the sanction of Her Majesty in Council.

Dated this 1st day of August, 1871.



Herbert Birley, Chairman.

Signed in my presence,

Frank Orde Ruspini, Clerk.

[SCHEDULE.]

FORM OF NOTICE.

CITY OF MANCHESTER.

Notice to attend School.

To Mr.

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