

the school shall be open for the instruction of children of a similar age, provided—

(a.) 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—

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

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

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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 the Workshops Regulation Act, 1867.

Provision for Total or Partial Exemption from Attendance, if Child has reached certain Standard.

4. In case one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools shall certify that any child between ten and thirteen years of age has reached the fifth standard of education mentioned in the New 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 fourth 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.

Defining reasonable Excuse for Non-attendance.

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 is prevented from attending school by sickness or any unavoidable cause.

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

Providing for Remission of School Fees in case of Poverty.

6. 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 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.

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 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 Notices to be recorded.

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.

Providing that no Proceeding be taken until after Fourteen Days from Service.

9. 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. 7), 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.

10. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding two shillings and sixpence: provided that all breaches of these Bye-laws by a parent in one and the same week shall be deemed one offence, and that no penalty imposed for the breach of any Bye-law shall exceed such a sum as with the costs will amount to five shillings for each offence.

Date on which Bye-Laws shall come into operation.

11. 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 borough of
Ipswich, this 28th day of
December, A.D. 1871.



(Signed) *Robert Charles Ransome*, Chairman.
Fredk. A. Hammond, Clerk.

[SCHEDULE.]

FORM OF NOTICE.

NOTICE TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

To Mr.

TAKE Notice, that you are required, within fourteen days from the service hereof, to cause your child [A.B.] who is now between five and thirteen years of age, to attend and to continue to attend an elementary school.

Dated this day of A.D. 1871.

[C. D.]

Clerk to the School Board.

Office of the School Board,
27, Berners-street, Ipswich.

The officer serving this notice will explain the same, and the consequences of refusing to comply therewith, and will also give you any information relating thereto, or to the schools which your child may attend.

If you do not comply with this notice, and wish to give any reason or explanation for not doing so, you are invited to attend a meeting of the School Board, or of a Committee thereof, or of school managers appointed by the Board, to be held in the on the day of

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o'clock in the ; and before any proceedings are taken against you, full consideration will be given by the Board to any statement you may think fit to make at such meeting, or to the officer serving this notice.