

penalty not exceeding, including the cost of conviction, the sum of 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 3rd day of March, 1873, if the same shall then have received the sanction of Her Majesty in Council, or from and after any day after such last-mentioned 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 Lenham, this 20th day of January, 1873.

Charles Parkin, Chairman.

Sealed in the presence of
Frederick Day, Clerk.



[SCHEDULE.]

SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PARISH OF LENHAM
TO WIT.

To Mr.

TAKE notice, that you are hereby required forthwith to cause your child to attend, and continue to attend, a Public Elementary School.

You are further to take notice, that unless you cause your said child to attend school as aforesaid, you are hereby required to attend a meeting of the said School Board, to be held at on the _____ day of _____, at _____ o'clock in the _____ noon, and give your reason or reasons why your said child does not attend school as aforesaid. And herein if you fail, you will be liable to be proceeded against according to law.

Dated this _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord 187 _____.

Clerk to the said Board.

School Board Office,
Lenham.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 24th day of *March*, 1873.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Woodford, appointed under the "The Elementary Education Act, 1870," have, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the seventy-fourth section of that Act, with the approval of the Education Department, made certain Bye-laws, bearing date the fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, numbered 178.

And whereas all the conditions in regard to the said Bye-laws, which are required to be fulfilled by the said Act, have been fulfilled, and the said Bye-laws have been submitted for the sanction of Her Majesty in Council: Now, therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the said Bye-laws (copy whereof is hereunto annexed) into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare, and doth hereby declare, Her sanction of the same.

Edmund Harrison.

Bye-Laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

No. CLXXVIII.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT,
1870.

Parish of Woodford.

BYE-LAWS OF THE WOODFORD SCHOOL BOARD.

Preamble.

At a Meeting of the School Board for Woodford, duly convened and held at the Railway Tavern, Snake's-lane, Woodford, on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 1872, at which meeting all the members of the Board were present, the said Board do hereby, in pursuance of the powers to them given by the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and subject to the approval of the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education, make and ordain the following Bye-laws:—

Interpretation of Terms.

I. In these Bye-laws—

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 "Parent" includes Guardian, and every person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of a child.

The term "Board," or "School Board," means the School Board for Woodford.

Requiring Parents to cause Children to attend School.

II. The parent of every child of not less than five years, nor more than thirteen years of age, is required to cause such child to attend school, unless there be some reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

Determining Excuses for Non-Attendance of a Child at School.

III. Any of the following reasons shall be a reasonable excuse, viz. :—

- (1.) That the child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
- (2.) That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness, or any unavoidable cause.
- (3.) That there is no Public Elementary School open which the child can attend within two miles (measured according to the nearest road) from the residence of such child.

Determining Time during which Children shall attend School.

IV. 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 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.
- (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.