

York, a School Board for the district of the said borough was duly elected on the 31st day of January, 1871.

Now, at a meeting of the School Board of the said borough of Wakefield, held at the Town Hall, Wakefield, in the said borough of Wakefield, on Tuesday the 4th day of May, 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:—

*Interpretation Terms.*

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 Wakefield," or "Borough," means "The Municipal Borough of Wakefield 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 District comprising the Borough of Wakefield."

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.

*Requiring Parents to cause Children to attend School.*

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 within the said borough.

*Determining Time during which Children shall attend School.—See Section 7 (Sub-Section 2).*

3. The time during which every child shall attend school shall be the whole time for which the school shall be open for instruction, 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.

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(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 the Workshop Regulation Act, 1867.

*Proviso 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 having attained the age of ten years 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 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 one half the usual school time during the 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 has been prevented from attending school by sickness, or any other cause deemed by the Board unavoidable.

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

*Providing for Remission or Payment 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, in the case of a school provided by the Board, will remit, and in the case of any other school will 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, provided that the amount of fees to be remitted or paid shall not exceed the ordinary payment at the school selected by the parent.

*Requiring Notice to Parent to cause Child to Attend School.*

7. The officer appointed by the Board shall visit the parent of any child, who, according to his information and belief, is not attending school or under efficient instruction, and shall 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