

*Interpretation of Terms.*

1. In these Bye-laws 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 "Township of Bradwell or Township" means the township of Bradwell comprising Bradwell and Small-dale.

Terms importing "Males" include "Females."

The term "School Board," or "Board," means "The School Board for the District comprising the township of Bradwell."

The term "Bradwell School District" or "School District" means "The School District to which the School Board belongs."

The term "School," or "Public Elementary School," means "a Public Elementary School as defined by the said Act," situate within the Bradwell School District.

The term "Manager" includes all persons who have the management of any Public Elementary School.

The term "Parent" includes "a 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 residing within the Bradwell School District."

The term "Child" means "a Child residing within the Bradwell School District."

*Attendance.*

2. Subject as hereinafter mentioned, the parent of every child of not less than five years, nor more than eleven years of age, shall cause such child to attend a Public Elementary School unless there be a reasonable excuse for non-attendance. Any of the following reasons shall be deemed to be a reasonable excuse:—

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 an unavoidable cause, or a cause that to the School Board shall seem to be sufficient.
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.
4. That the child is subject for the time being to a provision of a statute or statutes for regulating the education of children in certain employments.

*Proviso.*

Any child of the age of ten years, who has been certified by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools as having passed a public examination according to the third standard of education of the Government Code for the time being, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than one half of the meetings of the school in any one week.

*Time of Attendance.*

3. Except as aforesaid, 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 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 the parent of such child

belongs, or shall require any child to attend school on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or any day set apart for a day of Public Fast or Thanksgiving, or on a Saturday, or shall require any child 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.

*Penalty for Breach of Bye-laws.*

4. Each parent committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty not exceeding (with the costs) 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 to be one offence, and provided 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.

*Proceedings for Neglect.*

5. No proceedings shall be commenced against any parent for the recovery of a penalty imposed for breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, unless such parent has been served with a notice in the form annexed, either personally or by leaving the same with some person at the residence of such parent.

*Record of Notices.*

6. The particulars of each notice served upon parents shall be recorded by the officer serving the same in a book provided by the Board, which shall be laid before the Board at each ordinary meeting.

*Remission of Fees.*

7. That where the parent of any child shall satisfy the said School Board of his or her inability from poverty to pay the whole or any part of the fees of such child, the said School Board, in case of a school provided by the Board, shall remit the whole or such part of the fees for a renewable period not exceeding six calendar months, as to the Board shall seem required by the circumstances of the case.

*Revocation or Alteration of Bye-laws.*

8. 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 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 term of any proposed new Bye-law, whether the same be by way of addition to, or substitution of, or alteration of any then existing Bye-laws 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-laws 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 in all other respects not inconsistent with this Bye-law the regulations of the Board for the time being with respect to the 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.

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