

The term "School" or "Public Elementary School" means a Public Elementary School as defined by the said Elementary Education Act, 1870.

The term "Parent" includes guardian and every person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of any child.

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

3. Except as hereinafter provided, the time during which every such child shall attend school shall be whole time for which the school shall be open for the instruction of children, except on Sundays, and except also 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 or her parent belongs.

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 fourth 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.

5. Provided always that if and whenever Bye-laws and or either of them shall be contrary to or inconsistent with the regulations affecting any child subject thereto contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour, the said regulations shall prevail, and the said Bye-laws shall affect such child only to such extent as is consistent with the said regulations.

6. In addition to the reasonable excuses for the non-attendance of a child at school mentioned in the Act, namely—

That the child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.

That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness or any unavoidable cause.

it shall be a reasonable excuse for a child's non-attendance that there is no Public Elementary School open within such child can attend within two miles measured according to the nearest road from the residence of such child.

7. If the parent of any child satisfies the School Board that the reason why 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 Public Elementary 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.

8. 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.

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

Frederick Heberden, Chairman.
L. S. C. R. Rowlett, Clerk.
April 14th, 1874.

A T the Court at Windsor, the 7th day of July, 1874.

PRESENT

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the School Board of Luton, appointed under "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 twenty-eighth of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, numbered 307.

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 herewith 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.

Arthur Helps.

Bye-laws referred to in the foregoing Order.

No. CCCVII.

THE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT, 1870.

BYE-LAWS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE PARISH OF LUTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD.

Know all men by these presents, that—

At a meeting of the School Board for the parish of Luton, in the county of Bedford, duly convened and held at the Townhall, situate and being in George-street, in Luton aforesaid, on Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1874, at which meeting a quorum of the members are 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:—

1. In these Bye-laws

Terms importing males include females.

The term "School" means either a Public Elementary or any other school at which efficient elementary instruction is given.

The term "Public Elementary School" means a school or a department of a school at which elementary education is the principal part of the education given, at which the ordinary payments in respect of instruction do not exceed 9d. a week, and which is conducted in accordance with the regulations contained in the seventh section of the Elementary Education Act, 1870.

The term "Board" or "School Board" means the School Board for the parish of Luton.

2. The parent of every child of not less than five years, nor more than thirteen years of age, is