

Now, at a Meeting of the School Board of the said parish of Lampeter-Pont-Stephen, held at Lampeter, in the said parish of Lampeter-Pont-Stephen, on Wednesday, the 19th day of July, 1876, at which Meeting a quorum of the Members of the Board are present, the said Board do hereby in pursuance of the powers given to them by the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and subject to the approval of the Education Department, make and ordain the following Bye-laws:—

*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.

1. The term "School Board," or "Board," means the School Board of the parish of Lampeter-Pont-Stephen.

The term "School," means either a Public Elementary School, or any other school at which elementary education is the principal part of the education there given, and does not include any school, or department of a school, at which the ordinary payments, in respect of the instruction from each scholar, exceeds nine pence a week.

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 said parish.

*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, and residing within the parish of Lampeter-Pont-Stephen, shall cause such child to attend school, unless there be some reasonable excuse for non-attendance.

*Defining Reasonable Excuse for non-Attendance.*

3. Any of the following reasons shall be deemed a reasonable excuse for non-attendance:—

- (a.) That the child is under efficient instruction in some other manner.
- (b.) That the child has been prevented from attending school by sickness or any unavoidable cause.
- (c.) That there is no Public Elementary School open which such child can attend within the following distances, measured according to the nearest road, from the residence of such child, viz.:—One mile if the child is between five and six years of age: one and a half mile if the child is between six and seven years of age: two miles if the child is between seven and nine years of age: and three miles if the child is over nine years of age.

*Determining Time during which Children shall Attend School.*

4. The time during which every child shall attend school shall be the whole time for which the school selected 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, or on Saturday after twelve o'clock at noon.
- (c.) To attend school on any day fixed for the inspection of the school, or the examination of the scholars therein, in respect of religious subjects.

*Providing for Total or Partial Exemption from Attendance if Child has reached certain Standard.*

5. A child between ten and thirteen years of age, who has been certified by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, to have reached the fifth standard of education, as prescribed by the Minutes of the Education Department, with respect to the Parliamentary Grant in force at the date of such certificate, shall be wholly exempt from the obligation to attend school; and any such child who has been so certified to have reached the fourth standard of education, as prescribed by the said Minutes, shall be exempt from the obligation to attend school more than fifteen hours in any one week.

6. Nothing in the present Bye-laws shall have any force or effect in so far as it may be contrary to anything contained in any Act for regulating the education of children employed in labour.

*Providing for remission of School Fees in case of Poverty.*

7. When the parent of any child not attending school proves to the satisfaction of the School Board that he or she is unable from poverty to pay the whole or some part of the school fees of such child, the School Board, in case of a school provided by the 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.

*Penalty for Breach of the Bye-laws.*

8. Any parent committing a breach of these Bye-laws, or any of them, shall be subject upon conviction 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-laws shall exceed such sum as, with the costs, will amount to five shillings for each offence.

*Date on which the Bye-laws shall come into operation.*

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

Sealed with the Common Seal of the School Board of the parish of Lampeter-Pont-Stephen, on the 19th day of July, 1876, in the presence of—



Lle. Llewellyn, Chairman.

Thomas Lloyd, Clerk.