

23rd July, 1968.

Dear Parents,

I am including with all reports these notes on matters to which I wish to draw your attention.

1. a. Absence: I remind parents that if their son is absent for three or more days it is necessary for us to receive a letter of explanation. Parents will appreciate that telephone calls giving reasons for absence are inefficient from our point of view and in any case we need a permanent record.
- b. Leave of Absence: Cases have occurred during the year when boys have been absent with their parents' knowledge and consent but without permission from the school. This puts me in an invidious position, and I would ask parents to write, if possible, well ahead of any special event.

2. Pupils travelling to school by motorcycle or motor-scooter or in their personal car.

I remind parents that I cannot provide accommodation for cars and if a boy does travel to school and wishes to park he should take the greatest care not to cause any inconvenience on the public highway. If your son has permission from you to travel to school by motor-cycle or motor-scooter, I would ask that you write to me personally requesting me to endorse this. For the past few months I have allowed boys who have such permission to park in the back lane on condition that at no time do they ride their machine or start its engine on school premises.

3. a. School Buses: There will still be two official school buses operating next year for pupils who live in the Bramhall district. If a boy lives three or more miles from the school and is able to reach one of the boarding points he may do so. If parents are in doubt will they please write to me. (The former Poynton Bus will now start at Bridle Road).
- b. Heald Green: I realise that there is a growing number of pupils living in the Heald Green area. I have informed the North Western Bus Company of the approximate numbers and taken the liberty to point out to them certain difficulties. Parents will appreciate that I have no control over public transport, but I am always willing to try to improve an existing situation. I would like to hear of any special travelling difficulties.
- c. Parents are well aware of the growing problem of traffic on the Kingsway road both mornings and evenings. We regularly remind our young boys of the care they must take. I have no doubt that parents will continue to do the same.
4. a. School Meals: Some parents who have four or more children may not know that a new Ministry regulation makes the provision of a free dinner for the fourth child now a routine matter. Will parents affected please write to me and say whether it is the son who is with me who is to count as the fourth child for this purpose.
- b. I draw the attention of parents to the dangers of boys taking a meal out of school in, for example, Cheadle. I ask parents to let me know on the dinner slip whether their son is taking a school meal or bringing sandwiches or coming home. If there should be any /...

difficulty I do hope that parents will let me know.

5. Cycles: During the course of the year several cycles have been stolen from the school premises during the course of the day. Cycles are very difficult to identify once they have been taken and indeed are easy to camouflage. Boys are required to provide themselves with a stout padlock and chain. They should leave no unnecessary 'accessory' on their bicycle and nothing of value in their saddlebag. The school cannot accept responsibility for cycles, but I am naturally concerned when loss or damage occurs.
6. The School Scout Troop: In January the Scout Master, Mr. S. Fowler, left to take up a new appointment in the East Riding. At present we have no replacement for Mr. Fowler and the Troop has been run for two terms by parents and by experienced former pupils. In September we shall need considerable help and I would ask any parent who has been associated with the Scout Movement to be good enough to get in touch with me if he feels that he can offer some service.
7. Saturday Games Refreshments: Parents will know that for many years now a group of mothers have prepared and served refreshments for the teams on Saturday mornings and Saturday afternoons. We need additional help since we have many activities to cater for. I would like to be able to hand to the mothers who organise this most valuable side of our school life a list of other mothers who are willing to give up one or two half days per term to help. Will you write to me, please.
8. School Magazines: I wish to thank parents for their continued support for the school magazine. We have now for three years produced a magazine which is really a journal. It is very expensive to produce a publication of this kind and it would be impossible to do so without the additional financial support.
9. New premises: Parents may not be aware of the fact that a start has been made to build the premises to replace our present ones. The foundations have now been laid on a site adjacent to the Chendle County Grammar School for Girls. We expect the premises to be ready in about two years from now.

Yours sincerely,



Headmaster.