

London County Council.

Drayton Park J.M.T. School.

PUNISHMENT BOOK.

O.S. 7802.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

1.—Every endeavour shall be made to reduce all forms of punishment in public elementary schools to the minimum, compatible with the welfare of the children and the school, and corporal punishment shall not in any case be inflicted (save for grave moral offences) until other methods have been tried and failed, and then only under prescribed conditions.

2.—The infliction of any cruel or excessive corporal punishment, including blows by the hand, cuffs, boxing the ear, striking on any part of the head, shakings, or other irregular means of corporal punishment or the keeping of a private cane or any other implement of punishment, is absolutely prohibited.

3.—Head teachers are held responsible for all corporal or other punishment, but, except as provided in Clause 5 of this rule, they are allowed, where they think necessary, to delegate during pleasure the power to inflict slight punishment to such of their assistants as they consider to be fit and proper persons to be entrusted with that power. This power may only be delegated (i) to assistants who have served for a period of eighteen months after passing the certificate examination; and (ii) to certificated teachers during the first eighteen months of service, provided always that, in the case of the latter teachers, the punishment shall be inflicted in the presence of the head teacher. In a mixed school, under a master, any necessary corporal punishment of girls must be inflicted by an assistant mistress duly empowered by the head teacher. Head teachers who, under this clause, either give to, or withdraw from, their assistants the power to inflict slight punishment, must do so in writing, and must note the same at the time in the log-book.

4.—Two canes of approved pattern, a larger and a smaller, are authorised by the Council, and these only, as indicated in this rule, must be used for the purpose of corporal punishment.

5.—Subject always to the provisions of Clause 3 of this rule, corporal punishment inflicted upon children in classes below Standard I, in infants' schools is to be given only in very exceptional instances, and then as a rule only by the open hand of the teacher. The open hand may be used on the arm or the hand. In classes below Standard I, corporal punishment by means other than the open hand may be inflicted only by the head mistress who is required in such cases to make an entry of a special character in the punishment book. Such corporal punishment may be inflicted only on such part or parts of the trunk as are not liable to suffer permanent injury therefrom. Corporal punishment must never be inflicted on the face or any other part of the head.

6.—Children under five years of age may be sent home instead of being caned.

7.—Subject to the provisions of Clause 5 of this rule, the smaller cane is to be used for all boys below ten years of age, and for all girls irrespective of age.

8.—The larger or the smaller cane may be used for boys above ten years of age at the discretion of the head teacher.

9.—When an assistant entrusted with the power of inflicting corporal punishment has need for exercising that power, the assistant must obtain from the head teacher the appropriate cane and the punishment book. The assistant should then inflict the punishment, and immediately thereafter enter the details in, and sign, the book. The cane and the book must then be returned to the head teacher, who must initial the entry. The head teacher is not to use, or to allow to be used, any discretion in refraining from entering the cause of the infliction of corporal punishment. If the punishment is administered by the head teacher, the details of the case must be entered immediately thereafter in the punishment book and the entry signed by the head teacher.

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10.—Head teachers are required to explain these regulations and rules to every person who may be employed in teaching permanently or on "supply" in the school, and to point out to such person the necessity for strict compliance with them and for judgment in the exercise of the powers allowed. This, however, does not in any way diminish the direct responsibility of the head teacher for all corporal punishment inflicted in the school.

11.—Head teachers must secure that, throughout the school, corporal punishment shall as far as possible be avoided in respect of delicate and nervous children.

12.—The punishment book must be preserved for five years after being filled.

13.—In the event of any person breaking any of the provisions of these regulations and rules, the head teacher is required to report the same immediately to the Council. Any breach of these regulations or rules will be regarded as a most serious offence and may entail dismissal.

14.—The regulations and rules of the Council with regard to the administration of corporal punishment apply to instructors in handicraft, provided that, for the purpose of the delegation of the power to administer slight corporal punishment, instructors in handicraft must have been in the service of the Council in charge of a centre for an unbroken period of three years, and provided further that the head master shall be required to keep a separate punishment book in the handicraft centre, and shall arrange that the head master of the contributing school concerned shall be duly notified of all cases of slight corporal punishment occurring in respect of boys from his school.

15.—Domestic economy instructresses, assistant instructors in handicraft, and school-keepers, are not allowed to inflict corporal punishment.

16.—The punishment book must be examined not less frequently than eight times a year by the managers, or, on their behalf, by one or more managers authorised for the purpose. It must be submitted to the managers at each of their meetings held on the school premises; and the managers' rota appointed to examine the registers should also, on visiting the school, take the opportunity to examine it. Upon each examination it must be signed by the chairman or other duly authorised manager, and any recommendation of the managers arising from such examination must be forwarded to the Council by the divisional officer or correspondent with the necessary details.

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THE COUNTY HALL,
WESTMINSTER BRIDGE, S.E.1.

March, 1926.

Date	Name of Child	Age	Class	Offence	Amount of Punishment	Signature of Master or Mistress who inflicted the Punishment	Initials of Head Master or Head Mistress
3. 5. 1929	Ernest Matthews	7	3	Carelessness and inattention	Smacking on arm	A Henderson	AM
3. 5. 29	Elsie Hillyard	7	3	Naughty inattention	Smacking	A Henderson	AM
3. 5. 29	Fred Downing	6	3	behaviour	on arm	A Henderson	AM
					Smacking on arm 6.v.29.		
8. 5. 29	Pepler Francis	7	2	Rough, quarrelsome	Smacking	A Henderson	AM
8. 5. 29	Scott John	7	2	behaviour	on arm	A Henderson	AM
14. 5. 29	Neville Douglas	7	1			A Henderson	AM
"	Bowler Bertie	7	1	Annoying		A Henderson	AM
"	Stelton Eric	7	1	workmen in	Smacking on	A Henderson	AM
"	Maguire Derek	7	1	playground after	arm	A Henderson	AM
"	Larcombe Kenneth	7	2	warnings.		A Henderson	AM
"	Hawkins Stephen	7	2			A Henderson	AM
27. 5. 29	Howe Albert	7	3	Disobedience	Smacking on	A Henderson	AM
"	Hebert Bernard	7	3	" "	arm	A Henderson	AM
					Smacking on arm 9.vii.29.		

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10.9.29	Benjamin Avery	8	3	Carelessness &	Smacking	A Henderson	AH
.	Raymond Pickard	8	3	Inattention	on arm	A Henderson	AH
17.9.29	Nevill Douglas	7	1	Deliberate disobedience	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH
25.9.29	Brown Fred ^K	8	2	Rough behaviour	Smacking on arm	A Henderson	AH.
26.9.29	Evans Joan	6	4	Disobedience	" " "	A Henderson	AH
30.9.29	Brown Fred ^K	8	2	Disobedience	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH
14.X.29	Hebert Bernard	7	3	Dirty behaviour	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH
24.X.29	Howe Albert	7	3	Bad language	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH
						A Henderson. 21.X.29.	
						A Henderson. 29.XI.29.	
5.XII.29	Dovell Peter	7	3	Bad language	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH.
17.I.30	Brown Fred ^K	8	1	Inattention / disobedience	2 " "	A Henderson	AH
						A Henderson. 21.I.30	
18.II.30	Gregory Charlie	8	1	Inattention / disobedience	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH
" II "	Etheridge Arthur	8	1	" "	2 "	A Henderson	AH
28.IV.30	Gooch Ronald	7	3	Disobedience	2 "	A Henderson	AH

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10. 3. 30	Mattingly Peter	9	1	Disobedience	2 strokes	A Henderson	AM
"	Neville Douglas	8	1	" "	2 "	A Henderson	AM
"	Barratt Fred th	8	1	Rude behaviour	2 "	A Henderson	AM
						St. Martin's Dec. 31. iii. 30.	
						St. Martin's Dec. 6. vi. 30.	
12. 6. 30	Tape Herbert	8	1	Disobedience	2 strokes	A Henderson	AM
"	Barrett Fred th	8	1	" "	2 "	A Henderson	AM
19. 6. 30	Marsh Douglas	6	3	Naughty	Smacking	A Henderson	AM
"	Cox Charles	7	3	inattentive	on arm	A Henderson	AM
"	Chuck Alfred	7	3	behaviour	"	A Henderson	AM
"	Amis George	8	3	"	"	A Henderson	AM
8. 9. 30	Pickard Raymond	9	1	Ran home before class was dismissed	2 strokes	A Henderson	AM
"	Gooch Ronald	8	2	Playing & laughing in lesson time after warning	2 "	A Henderson	AM
12. 9. 30	Brown Fred th	9	1	Playing in	2 strokes	A Henderson	AM
"	Tape Herbert	9	1	Inf' playground	2 "	A Henderson	AM

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12.9.30	Allwright Geo:	7	1	at night & running	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH
"	Forder Ronald	8	3	over the garden. several plants broken.	2 "	A Henderson	AH
19.9.30	Avery Benjamin	9	1	Amusing another boy in drill lesson & telling an untruth.	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH
20.10.30	Franklin John	7	4	Willfully knocking off a boy's glasses.	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH
20.10.30	Pegg Peter	7	4	Dirty behaviour in the street.	2 "	A Henderson	AH
12.11.30	Dannatt Wm	8	3	Making silly noises in lesson time.	2 "	A Henderson	AH
28.8.31	Hamerton Geo:	8	2	Laziness & disobedience	Smacking on arm.	A Henderson	AH
15.9.31	Pegg Peter	8	2	Fighting	2 strokes	A Henderson	AH

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15.9.31	Hamerton Geo.	8	2	Fighting	2 strokes	A Henderson	AM
16.9.31	Neighbour Arthur	7	3	Writing on desk	2	A Henderson	AM
"	Wandorf Harold	6	4	Destroying work of another child	Smacking on arm	A Henderson	AM
						Shedden R. 9. xi. 31.	
						R Webb. 20. 1. 32.	
						B. M. Beasley 20. 1. 32.	
18.5.32	Day Walter	6	2	Hitting boy in face	Smacking on arm	A Henderson	AM
						B. M. Beasley 2	
						B. M. Beasley 1	
						B. M. Beasley	
14.11.32	Marr Stanley	7	1	Deliberately tripping up boy carrying milk bottles	2 Strokes	A Henderson	AM
						B. M. Beasley 23	
2.12.32	Day Walter	7	1	Rudeness	Smacking on arm	A Henderson	AM
"	Jewson Irf	6	3	Rudeness & disobedience	" " "	A Henderson	AM
						B. M. Beasley 23.	
25.1.33	Warren Frank	6	2	Dirty untidy work & laziness	Smacking on arm	A Henderson	AM
						B. M. Beasley 27. 11. 33	
						B. M. Beasley 8. 12. 33	
						B. M. Beasley 19. 1. 33	
						B. M. Beasley 8. 1. 33	
						B. M. Beasley 19. 1. 33	

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13.10.33 Beauchamp Beasley 2.V.34	Alger Stephen	7	2	Jumping suddenly on boy's back against orders	Smacking on arm	A. Henderson	ASH B.M. Beasley 22.XI.33 B.M. Beasley 25.II B.M. Beasley 27.VI.33 B.M. Beasley 23.VIII B.M. Beasley 20.IX.33 B.M. Beasley 6.XI.34 B.M. Beasley 16.I.35
8.1.35	Willcock Roy	7	3	Using bad language	1 stroke	A. Henderson	ASH
" " "	Brent Ronald	7	1	" " "	1 "	A. Henderson	ASH
7.2. "	Brent Ronald	7	1	Spitiful behaviour after warnings.	2 "	A. Henderson	ASH B.M. Beasley 20.III.35 B.M. Beasley 10.IV.35 B.M. Beasley 23.V.35 B.M. Beasley 24.VI.35 B.M. Beasley 3-9-35 B.M. Beasley 3.X.35 B.M. Beasley 4.XI.35
8.II.35	Butler Derek	6	1	Wanton destruction	Smacking on arm.	A. Henderson	ASH B.M. Beasley 26.V.37 B.M. Beasley 26.I.37 B.M. Beasley 21/7/36 B.M. Beasley 30.VI.36 B.M. Beasley 29.V.36 B.M. Beasley 7.IX.37 B.M. Beasley 30.X.36 B.M. Beasley 30.IV.36 B.M. Beasley 18.III.36 B.M. Beasley 11.2.36

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29/3/43	Anthony Trinkilo	6	2	Causing child's nose to bleed after warning of similar offence.	1 stroke	M. G. Jernsey	
						P. D. Allen	
						J. Bagmore	17.6.4
						Josephine Jones	17.6.4
						F. King	
						G. W. Cartwell	
						J. W. Blayton	
						Josephine Jones	
						F. King	
						G. W. Cartwell	8.10.4
						B. Evans	28.1.45.

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9/10/54	David Donovan	5½	4.	Repeatedly starting other children & being generally spiteful. All other methods were tried for weeks but finally a fella sharp smack was absolutely necessary.	Smack on leg.	M. E. Keedham	MRK
	Kevin Davison	6/10	2.	Repeated disobedience & defiance.	Smack on leg.	D. S. Harris M. E. Keedham	MRK