

COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ISLE OF ELY
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Education Department,
County Hall,
M A R C H.

15th July, 1946

Soham Grammar School.

Howard, Kenneth James.

Dear Sir or Madam,

~~You will be interested to hear that in the recent Entrance Examination, the above-named child has qualified for admission to the above-named School at the commencement of the Autumn Term, 1946, that is, in September next.~~

There will be no fees to pay.

As a result of the Education Act, 1944, the Education Committee cannot award maintenance allowances in respect of children attending Secondary Schools until after the end of the school term in which they attain the compulsory school leaving age, which, as and from the 1st April, 1947, will be 15 years.

In cases where, in the opinion of the Education Committee, the financial circumstances of the parents or guardians are such that they will be unable to maintain the child at the School after the age of 15 years, maintenance allowances may be granted from the beginning of the school term following that in which the child attains the age of 15 years. At any time thereafter, if the Education Committee consider it necessary, the financial circumstances of the parents or guardians will be reviewed with a view to varying or discontinuing or granting a maintenance allowance.

The Education Committee have, however, decided to make a clothing grant, during the Autumn Term, 1946, to enable parents (or guardians) in necessitous circumstances, to defray the cost of purchasing clothing distinctive of the particular School attended by the child. In the case of boys this clothing will consist of a blazer, a cap and a tie. Parents (or guardians) will have to provide the coupons necessary for purchasing clothing required by children attending any Secondary School and the clothing will have to be obtained before any clothing grant made by the Education Committee is paid.

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If you decide to send your child to the above-named School the Education Committee will expect you to keep him at that School until at least the end of the school term in which he will attain the age of 16 years. At a Secondary Grammar School the course is planned for five years, that is from the age of 11 to the age of 16, so that unless you can see your way to keep him at the Secondary Grammar School to complete this course, you should not send him. This matter requires your very serious consideration. The competition for admission to the Secondary Grammar Schools is so keen at the present time that if a parent (or guardian) sends a child to such a School and takes him away from the School before the end of the term in which he attains the age of 16 years, that parent (or guardian) not only deprives that child of the full school course, but also deprives another child from entering the School who would have remained at the School for the full course.

When you have carefully considered whether you wish the child to attend a Secondary Grammar School, intending that he should remain until the end of the school term in which he attains the age of 16 years, will you please answer the questions on the enclosed form, sign it, and return it in the enclosed envelope so that it reaches me on or before 22nd July, 1946.

Yours faithfully,

E. J. P. OSBORNE

Director of Education.

To the Parent (or Guardian).
