

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REPORT ON SCHOOL
PREMISES
1953

Name of School

BIDDULPH, KNYPERSLEY

Status

COUNTY PRIMARY

Age Range

5-11

years

Sexes

B AND G

HISTORY

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At the same time the Kingsley Infant School closed and was incorporated in this school so that from Sept. 1951 the school has been a mixed Junior and Infant School. The handicraft room is now used as an Infant classroom.

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Now, in 1953, these extensions are being completed, as shown on plan, and are to be ready for use in Jan. 1954.

New conveniences were built during 1951 to replace temporary corrugated iron structures. The meals kitchen shown on the plan was fitted up during 1952 and school meals commenced in Oct. 1952.

Following opening of new buildings there was a continued quick rise of numbers so that, in 1955, further accommodation had to be sought. Two rooms in the l. of l. school opposite to the school, were rented & two infant classes were there accommodated.

After strong representations to the Director of Education that the continued use of the church premises was undesirable this tenancy was terminated on Dec. 31, 1962.

Two classes of infants are now in mobile classrooms, sited at the Bateman Sec. Mod. Girls' Sch.

Tendency seems to indicate that school population will continue its present steady rise.

A PLAN OF SCHOOL SITE

Please attach a separate plan of the school site indicating all rooms, the purpose for which they are used, the dimensions and in the case of normal and emergency teaching spaces the effective (as distinct from the actual) area. Give playground, garden and playing field if part of the site and distinguish between boys', girls' and infants' offices and cloakrooms. Only a rough sketch plan is required but the dimensions and areas should be as accurate as possible. In the case of two or more storeyed buildings the first or other floor plan should be given on the reverse side of the ground floor plan.

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C ACCOMMODATION AND NUMBERS ON ROLL

Accommodation

I. Teaching Space	Number of pupils which can be accommodated		Actual Nos. May, 1953
	(a) under reasonable conditions	(b) under maximum pressure	
Classroom 1 ..	40	45	38
" 2 ..	40	45	45
" 3 ..	40	45	49
" 4 ..	40	45	43
" 5 ..	40	45	-
" 6 ..	40	45	40
" 7 ..	40	45	42
" 8 ..	Old W'wk. 40	45	41
" 9 ..	New { 40	45	
" 10 ..		40	45
Other rooms usable in emergency (specify)	/		
Hall (1) Marching corridor		40	
Hall (2)			
Staff room		45	
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Total ..	400	535	298

2. Additional accommodation provided since 1945

Has the school had additional accommodation since 1945? ~~Yes~~/No

Give details **Building extensions being completed 1953 as per plan**

No. of places provided 80 - 100 Year 1953

State whether Permanent/~~Temporary~~

If temporary, state whether prefabricated classrooms or leased premises

If leased give details of premises leased, lessors, rent and any restrictive conditions in the agreement.

3. Age Groups in School (May, 1953)

	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8	8-9	9-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15+
Boys ..	5	20	28	23	14	26	26	13				
Girls ..	6	24	15	17	18	19	27	17				

4. Total No. on Roll (1st May, 1953) Boys.....155..... Girls.....143

5. Head's Comments on the desirable organisation of the school, e.g. number of classes.

There is a steady change taking place in the constitution of the school owing to the large estates being now completed in the area.

The numbers of children in each year group cannot be foreseen for the next 12 months, at least, so that a desirable plan of number and sizes of classes cannot be planned far in advance.

Present indications are that two classes in the 1948-9 and 1947-8 will be established in the near future, thus creating 5 infant classes where 3 now exist.

D BUILDINGS, SERVICES AND AMENITIES

I. Offices

Are these provided within the school building or outside outside

		<i>Actual No.</i>	<i>No. desirable for present needs</i>	For Office use <i>No. to be provided according to Building Reg. for D.P. proposal</i>	
<i>Boys</i>				140	B 140 G
Urinal	Stalls (No.)	1 slab 14'9"			
or	Slab (ft.)				
Closets		4	Adequate		
<i>Girls</i>					
Closets		8			

Condition of Offices : **Good condition - flushing tanks a constant source of minor troubles**

Suggested improvements in condition **Two closets in room adjoining single infant classroom (8) will ease position, ready Jan. 1954**

What is present provision for Staff? **Two W. Closets in building with 3 wash bowls**

Suggested improvements **Additional W.C. in new block adjacent to new staff room will make adequate provision**

Arrangements for sewage disposal :— **Local mains - new - excellent fall and service**

Is local authority sewerage available? **Yes**

If not are there any projected schemes for the locality **Yes/No**

How long is it likely to be before local authority sewerage is available?

2. Water Supply

Is mains water connected to/available for school? **yes**

If neither please state how water is provided—

(a) for drinking purposes... **None available in main building. All water is from storage tanks. Provision of fountain in new scheme.**

(b) for washing... **inadequate, 8 bowls, cold water only. Position remedied in new scheme - 14 additional bowls with hot and cold water being fixed.**

Are there any special arrangements for purifying water? Please specify:— **No.**

Is water supply for drinking consistently good/sometimes contaminated/often contaminated? Give periods during last 3 years when water has had to be boiled before being used for drinking purposes.

Always been clean to

Is hot water provided? Yes/No. If so please state system of heating.....

For meals kitchen only at present - New system from heating boiler now being installed - separate installation

Is hot water supply adequate for washing and cleaning purposes? **to be tested**

Suggested improvements to water supply... **Rate of flow very poor, merely a trickle if four taps on at once - reason not known - pressure is high in this area.**

3. Cloakrooms No.....

Are there sufficient pegs?.....

No. of lavatory basins Boys..... Girls.....

Are basins supplied with hot water? Yes/No

Are the floors and walls to a height of 6ft. made of impervious material easily cleaned? Yes/No

If not please give kind of floor surface and walls

What are facilities for drying clothes?.....

Have any shoe racks or P.E. cage lockers been provided?

Specify.....

Suggested improvements to cloakroom facilities.....

4. Lighting

(a) Natural

Is this adequate in all rooms? If not please specify and suggest desirable improvements

Yes, except room 8. Addition to building has covered two large windows, these need to be replaced.

(b) Artificial Type of artificial lighting in use electricity

Is this satisfactory in all rooms? If not please give details and suggest improvements

Light bulb holders and flex need renewing (electrician's advice) rubber has perished.

5. Heating

What form (or forms) of heating are in use at the school? Central heating

Is present heating considered to be adequate? Yes/No

If not please specify and suggest improvements desirable

6. Staff Rooms

No. of Staff (including Head) 2 men 7 women

What provision is there for Head Teacher's and Staff Rooms? Head Teacher's room provided.

Staff room available Jan. 1954. Accommodation will then be ample.

If there is no Head's or Staff room have you any suggestions whether one can be made in the present building?

7. M.I. Arrangements

Is there a room specially reserved for M.I. purposes? Yes/~~No~~ In Jan. 1954 - new room

If so (a) Is there a sink with H. & C. water? Yes/~~No~~

(b) Is there lavatory accommodation specially for medical staff? Yes/~~No~~

If there is no M.I. room what arrangements are made for visits of the medical staff?

(a) Doctor

(b) School Nurse

(c) Dentist

8. Storage Rooms

How many general store rooms are there in the school? In Jan. 1954, 3 small store rooms to be completed

Is the store room position adequate to present needs? Yes/~~No~~

If not, suggestions for improvement.....

Is separate storage provided for P.E. equipment? Yes/~~No~~ To be provided in present extension scheme

Is storage space for P.E. equipment adequate? Yes/No

If no storage space, where is P.E. equipment housed?.....

Do you consider an outside storage shed for P.E. equipment to be desirable? Yes/No

9. School Meals

Does the school have school meals service? Yes/~~No~~

If yes, please state arrangements in being (e.g. whether the school has kitchen and dining room, whether

meals are brought in from outside and if so from where). Meals brought from Biddulph Central

Kitchen. Washing up kitchen provided.

Dining accommodation in marching corridor - ample at present

10. **Playground** Area 2220 sq. yds. Paved/Unpaved 1250 sq. yds. paved
Type of surface Tarmac when provided no record by L.E.A./Managers
Present Condition Unpaved part to be done Jan. 1954. Remainder needs very few repairs.
Generally good condition

11. **Playing Field** Area 10 acres ~~Attached~~/Detached
If detached, how far from school? 300 yds.
Leased/Owned by L.E.A./Managers Leased
If leased—Name of Lessor:— Knypersley Sports Club
Address:— Knypersley, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent.
Rent:— £10 per annum
Any conditions of tenancy:—
Head's comments Cricket and Football ground. Another school has priority - no
clashing of interests and we use field whenever we require it.

12. **School Garden** Area 1900 sq. yds. Attached/~~Detached~~
If detached, how far from school? _____
~~Leased~~/Owned by L.E.A./Managers
If leased—Name of Lessor:—
Address:—
Rent:—
Any conditions of tenancy:—
Head's comments Better described as waste land - impossible to use as garden being
chiefly hard clay

13. **Cycle Sheds**
How many children come to school on bicycles (average)? 2
How many of these live more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from school? -
Is any other means of transport available? Please give details. No
Concrete cycle shed in addition to premises 1954
Has the school an old type playground shed? ~~Yes~~/No

14. **Fuel Storage**
What provision is there for fuel storage? Two cellars
Old one 4 tons, new 6 tons
Capacity (in tons of fuel) 10 tons coke
Has a fuel compound been made to house surplus supplies? ~~Yes~~/No

Is a fuel compound additional to normal storage arrangements considered necessary? Yes ~~Yes~~ For coal

15. Road Safety

Is the school situated on a busy road? Yes/No

What physical protection other than supervision is provided for children leaving the school premises?

Traffic Warden on crossing, employed by L.E.A.

16. General condition of the external fabric of the building

Excellent ~~Good~~ ~~Fair~~ ~~Poor~~

Please specify work required for improvements

17. Summary :—(for Office Use)

Accommodation	A
Offices Number	B
Condition	B
Staff	A
Washing facilities :	
No. of basins	C
Condition	B
Hot water	No
Drinking Water	A
Cloakrooms	A
Lighting Natural	A
Artificial	B
Heating	A
Fuel Storage	A
Head/Staff Rooms	A
M.I. arrangements	
Hall	A
Storage Rooms	A
Playground Size	A
Condition	A
Playing Field Size	
Condition	
Cycle Storage	
Road Safety Precautions	
School Meals	
General Condition of external fabric of school	Good

A=up to Building Regulations

B=reasonable for present purposes although not up to Regulations

C=unsatisfactory

D=so unsatisfactory as to require urgent attention (e.g. gross overcrowding or insanitary conditions)

N=in certain cases indicates non-existent

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GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

1. Development Plan Proposal for the School (for Office use)

Adapt as 1 stream school - 280 places

2. Mention any local tendencies likely to cause an increase or decrease in the school population. Give details of housing (if known) in the area and state whether for an increase or redistribution of existing population in the area.

A private housing estate is to be developed near the school - 100 houses.

Coal Board Housing Association building 300 houses near to - partly for newcomers to district - partly for local miners.

Local Authority now completing scheme of 300 houses near to school - redistribution

3. (For Office use): Suggestions for meeting requirements in (2) above

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Degree of urgency

Biddulph, Knypersley County Primary School
Provide hot water*, additional washbasins. £500

IMPROVEMENTS TO PREMISES SINCE 1945 (Capital Improvements only)

Nature of Improvement	*Date	Nature of Improvement
New conveniences to replace temporary ones, as on plan		
Extension completed late 1953, as on plan Hall, Medical Room, Two classrooms, cloakroom		

month and year only of completion