

Premises

A few historic notes on the premises and the premises managers of Pooles Park

1979

The Garden opens



“Parents invited to the opening of our new garden. Mr. Smith, chairman of the governors, cut the tape and declared the gardens open”

By 1981 Miss Ambrose, the Nursery head was complaining: “I have written and complained about the poor service we are having with regard to garden maintenance.”

1908

Norwegian Fog Horn

This, according to the Pooles Park log book, was the type of signal employed to announce a fire drill. However if the Pooles Park Norwegian Fog Horn should fail then “three blasts to be blown on police whistle and red cards immediately sent to the other departments and the school keeper by special messenger”.



Portable foghorn ('The Norwegian')

Made by Player and Mitchell of Birmingham. Red painted wooden box with metal horn on one side and turning handle on the other

Extract from Pooles Park Girls' School Head teacher's Log 1908

1885



The late bell ringing caretaker

“Have spoken several times to the caretaker about ringing the school bell at the proper time, 20mins to the hour: this morning it was 10 mins to the hour before it was rung: as a consequence many of the children were late”.

Miss Crees, the head, is still complaining about the same man for the same offence a year later!

Extract from Pooles Park Girls' School Head teacher's Log 1885