

C DICI**Francis Askew School Log Book****1939-1954****Accession number:** 24/22

Historical Background: Francis Askew School was built to serve the Gypsyville Estate. It was planned to accommodate 1550 pupils, 400 senior boys, 400 senior girls, 400 juniors and 350 infants. The Juniors and Infants block was opened on the 11 Aug 1925. The Senior Boys and Senior Girls blocks were opened 3 Mar 1930. On 11 Jul 1941 the Junior and Infants schools were closed due to enemy action. After 1945 the Senior Boys and Senior Girls schools became a Junior High School. The school was reorganised in 1969 and closed in 1988.

Custodial history: Deposited by Ian Clark in June 2024, a former Head Teacher of Francis Askew School.

Description: (Photocopy) Diary or Log Book of events was kept by the Head Teacher, who entered in it events such as introduction of new books, apparatus, visits, absences, failure in duty of staff as well as explanation of the reason for closing the school, such as school holidays. The Log Book covers the Second World War, and therefore contains reasons for closures (including times and dates) relating to air raids for example. Whilst there are references to teachers, these concern teachers being sent to other schools, salary increases and their attendance etc. There are no references to individual pupils, though numbers of pupils are given. Also recorded are inspections of the pupils, such as those concerning dental and weight examinations. Again, no pupils are identified individually.

Extent: 1 item

Related material: See C TED/2 for further material relating to Francis Askew School. A series of essays written by the children in response to the question "What Happened to me and What I did in the air raids?" can be found at L DEX/24. These stories have been marked with both spelling and grammatical mistakes being highlighted though no marks or grades are given.

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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