1921 A Day in the Schoolroom - School Routine

Your school day will last from 9:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon – you must make sure that you are here on time every day. Your dinner hour will be from 12 noon until 1:00pm. Those of you who live close enough will return home for your dinners, making sure that you are back in time for afternoon school. If you are late back then you will be punished. Those who live too far away will eat their dinners here in the schoolroom – girls, your tasks will be to sweep the floors and tables afterwards. If crumbs drop then there may be a danger of vermin nesting here.

Once you have finished you will go outside and play in your yards – boys, you will stay in your yard; girls, you will stay in yours. You may play games such as skipping, hopscotch, marbles and sporting play. This is also the time for you to use the lavatories in the school yard. You will not be allowed to use them during lesson times so make sure your time is spent well. Boys – one of your tasks will be to clean the lavatories. You will all also be expected to bring in kindling for the fire and pieces of coal or turf. The schoolboard provides some, but not enough for the stove during the winter months