

Quorn Primary School 1879 – 1967

The Quorn Primary School opened in 1879 as a Provisional School. The teacher in charge was Mr William James George and there was an average daily attendance of 36 children.

By 1881 enrolments had increased to a daily average of 73 and the school was reclassified as a Public School.

In 1883 the total enrolment was 226 with the daily average being 91. This average increased over the following years to 141.6 in 1887 with just one teacher in charge. It was not until 1892 that staff increased to two teachers with an average daily attendance of 149.4. In 1905 staff increased to four teachers with average daily attendance reaching 230.8

A drum and fife band was started and took part in most school functions as well as the daily assemblies.

In 1926 the building was remodelled to provide additional classrooms.

When the Quorn Primary School and the Quorn High School joined to become the Quorn Area School it ended the 88 year life of this individual school. The new Quorn Area School began in 1968. The primary section of the school remained on the old Primary School site in Second Street until 1969 when accommodation had been built in the former high school grounds.

Portion of the former primary school building was first used as an outdoor education centre by Goodwood Boys and Nailsworth Girls High Schools. Two of the former classrooms becoming dormitories with bunks to cater for forty people. Later the facility became the *Outdoor Education Centre* and was run by a teacher based at Quorn Area School.

Part of the remainder of the building houses the Quorn Kindergarten. Parents have established a pleasant outside area in which the children can sit or play.

The rest of the building is used as a teachers residence by teachers from Quorn Area School.