

28th September 1971

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter and the 53p for the wellingtons.

I am sorry that this business of Shirley's clothes makes you so angry. You say that it is only two months since she had the last wellingtons. In fact our records seem to indicate that these are the wellingtons which were bought in May 1971 and for which you have only now been charged. I would point out that it would be most difficult to find wellingtons at this price anywhere today as we managed to get a large stock. In future they will cost about double.

We have an enormous quantity of clothes for Shirley at Harmeny, many are too small, and most unsuitable. We sent them home with her this summer but she has simply brought them back. What would you like me to do with the ones she never wears? I think she probably gets more clothes than she really needs from you, and this is why they cost you so much. It does seem a waste for her to have complete sets of clothes at home and at school. Most of the [REDACTED] find that clothes last just long enough to be outgrown, and the children take them home for the holidays.

Finally about the cleanliness. The only way a school such as ours can deal with the laundry is to have automatic washing machines, which we are well aware are not perfect. Shirley's clothes are washed with the others, and this is the best we can possibly do. I might help you to have them home for the holidays where you can bring them up to the standard you require every few weeks.

I am sorry you get so upset about this. Please be assured that we will continue to do the best we can.

Meanwhile we are pleased with Shirley's progress at school. It would be useful to have your feelings about the holidays.

I think we must somehow arrange for more frequent contact between you and the school - and I hope that you can arrange to visit in November.

Yours sincerely,

XXXXXXXXXX

Sept 16th Thursday.

Dear [REDACTED]

This is P.C. for
53⁰⁰ for Wellingtons for Shirley, why
she requires them I don't know as
it was only 2 months since she
has had the last ones and this
is summer time. I also wrote and
told you not to buy Shirley any clothes
as I would do so myself if you let
me know. There is a new pair of Wellingtons
in the house, which I bought for
winter for her. This is the first time
I pay for any clothes, as I just can't

keep this up.

as Shirley is always needing something new, also she has new shoes every six weeks.

and I think it is a disgrace ^{she goes through} the amount a clothes ~~and the~~ and colour of her pyjamas is when she comes home is a disgrace, I just can't get them clean. So I am asking you once again Shirley does not require clothes home with her only her shoes and coat.

Yours Sincerely
Mr Turner

20th April 1971

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending the 75p pocket money for Shirley. She has returned quite happily to school, and settled straight away to do her work well. We are pleased with her progress at present.

I am sorry that you had an upsetting time with her at the start of the holiday, but I am glad that she was able to tell you about the stealing incidents.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

11th November 1970

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your letter. I am glad we have got the misunderstanding about the clothes Shirley brought home sorted out. I have no record of any unanswered letter about Shirley's clothing. I would hesitate to take too seriously what Shirley says about the clothing. As far as I know she has Wellington boots and gym shoes and if she has not we will soon let you know as she cannot get on very long without Wellingtons.

As you know she has plenty of pocket money, more than enough to last her till Christmas. Of course she enjoys getting parcels as every child does, but I do not think you ought to inconvenience yourself excessively just because she is so insistent on demanding them on the telephone. I am sorry to hear you are not in good health. I hope [REDACTED] enjoys [REDACTED].

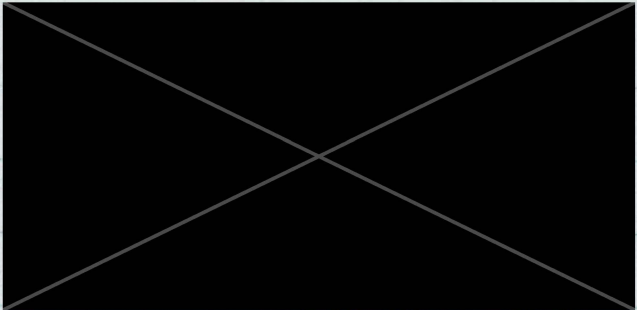
I imagine the story about the day school is because one of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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/ I do not think this is at all relevant for Shirley.
Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



Saturday 4th. Nov. 1940.

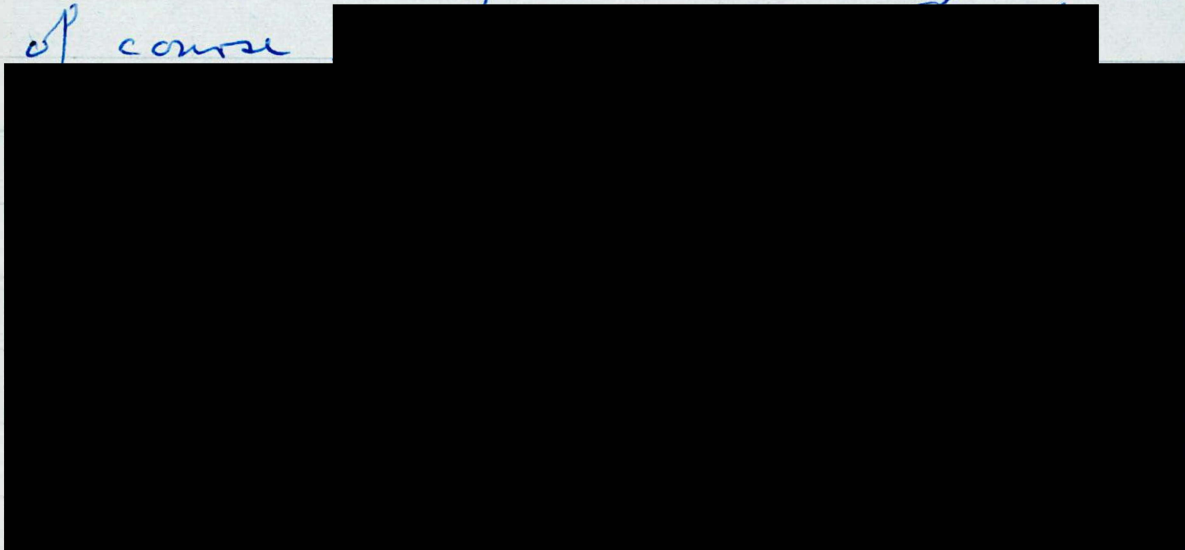
Dear 

I received your letter this morning, and I am writing to let you know that the reason I tell Shirley not to take any clothes home with her is because I am thinking of the people who have to do all the washing, but I would like her to come home in her good clothes as she has clothes for playing in and clothes for going anywhere special. I sent on the shoes she came home in don't you think that is a disgrace, as I have

written and asked if Shirley required anything but never got no answer.

~~She~~ Shirley says her Wellington Boots were ~~at~~ also had no gym shoes I don't know if that is true or not as she gets new ones every time she is home.

She also told me on the phone on Thursday to send Money not Parcel's what do you suggest as I try to do my best. She was very good this time until they last two days but of course



[REDACTED]

Shirley was saying she may be going to a Day School I asked her what she meant but would not say, so could you let me know. I just want Shirley to take home her Duffle Bag with her and if she requires any new clothes could you please let me know in time, as I can't buy every thing at once.

[REDACTED]

P.S. Has she enough Pocket Money till Xmas time Holidays

5th November 1970

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter to [REDACTED] which she has passed on to me to answer.

Let me say first that we had a phone message - I think from you - that Shirley should only come home in the clothes she was wearing and to bring no bag. She has more clothes here than she needs and we will send everything back home at Christmas.

Secondly, Shirley is very hard on her clothes, and the clothes she has on in the morning clean, could very well be dirty by the time she has travelled on the train to Aberdeen.

Finally, we do the best we can in our laundry, but are aware that it is not perfect, and that the standard with 36 children is not as high as some mothers achieve with their individual children. I fear that both you and I will have to accept that as one of the facts of life./

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/ I am sorry that you still have a problem with Shirley smoking. This is not one of her problems here, and I suggest you would deal with this best by not having cigarettes available around the house. Please do talk it over with [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

Headmaster

1st Nov. 1940.

Dew

Could you please see that Shirley keeps her good clothes and shoes for going anywhere special, as the shoes she came home with is a disgrace. I also had to turn her white socks inside out for the mess they were in also her dress. She has better clothes to come home with. She is never tidy when she comes home and everybody is speaking about her way of coming home. I am sending

on more clothes for her some to
play in and the good ones to
go places with. I have sent back
the shoes she came home in as
they are unpairable and I had to
buy another pair also Wellington
boots and gym shoes she says
they are always getting lost. I don't
know if that is true or not but
the clothes she is going through
is getting beyond me as we can't
get any clothes for ourselves for
keeping Shirley in clothes. I hope you
don't mind me writing but I have
always had Shirley spotless and it
breaks my heart to see the mess
she comes home in. There is ~~14/6~~
14/6 in her purse for pocket money

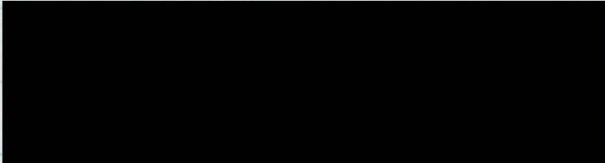
so I hope it will do till Xmas

[REDACTED]

Shirley
is still smoking but has not been
too bad this time as he [REDACTED] was
[REDACTED] nearly a week. I hope
you will oblige me by trying to get
Shirley to look after her [REDACTED] properly
also what has happened to all her jumpers
and Lumber jackets she never comes home
with decent jumpers. Just this time someone
knitted a very nice one for her I thank
them for me. Shirley has not been
well at all this time has had a very

bad croup cough and still wetting
the bed. I am sending on the rest of
the mixtures to finish them.

I hope you don't take offence
of me writing but something will have
to be done about the state of her
clothes



P.S. Please see that she takes
home her Duffle bag with her when
she comes home to hold anything she has
to take back with her.

1st September 1970

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Enclosed is a cheque for £7 - 9 - 6 to cover the cost of Shirley's coat. Please sign the enclosed receipt and return it in the stamped addressed envelope.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

27th August 1970

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that Shirley was troublesome during the holiday. It is rather a long holiday during the summer.

She has settled in well and is very pleased to be in the cottage, where she is together with the younger and smaller children.

I have talked to her about the smoking and stealing cigarettes and I don't feel inclined to take it too seriously. Every child has to experiment with smoking at some stage and I don't think Shirley enjoys it really.

However, I hope you will talk it over with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

22nd Aug. 1970.

Dear [REDACTED]

I wrote and asked if Shirley required any new clothes and still waiting for an answer did you get the letter as I just can't go out and buy everything at once, I have to know in advance. I want you to know Shirley has been a bit of a bother this holiday smoking and lying for all she is worth. It is the first time I have hit her since she went to Harmeroy I just don't know what to do with her

[REDACTED] took a fortnight off his work so that she could see more of him this time but still made a difference it is a case of give me what I want and do what I want then she is alright. She gets plenty of freedom in this house also a big playing park and swings beside it but only goes when she wants to. I am enclosing a 12/- P.O. for Shirley's Pocket Money it is all I can manage meantime but I think she should still have enough money there left also. I am sending this letter before she arrives back at school so you will know all about it. Sorry if I am bothering you in any way
Kind Regards to all Hope you all had a nice holiday
[REDACTED]

Will be phoning Monday night 70' Park
Was up twice to see [REDACTED]
while Shirley has been home. Gk Ys she
is dying to join the [REDACTED] also
said she was going into [REDACTED] class
and likes her hill climbing and camping. That's
all she says

15th July 1970

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter which I have only read today as I have been on holiday. I do not have the same holidays as the school,

I have informed [REDACTED] about the possibility of an outing for Shirley.

I am pleased to hear that you like the new house and look forward to seeing it.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Tuesday, 4th July 1970.

Dear [REDACTED]

This is just a short note to let you know that the girl who took Shirley out for the day last year, will be phoning you sometime in the next fortnight to take Shirley out for the day. I hope it will be alright with you for her to go. The girl's name is [REDACTED]. I have not let Shirley know as it will be a surprise for her. I am posting on a parcel for Shirley but inside there is a small gift to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], as Shirley was saying she is leaving this term, so will you please [REDACTED] that Shirley gives it to her.

I hope that Shirley is behaving herself as she does not sound very happy on the phone sometimes, but I have just started to put down the phone, as you said, she maybe only wants to get more attention to her self.

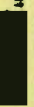
[REDACTED]

also swings, so Shirley has not far to go. So Chrissie for now tell everyone I was asking for them.

Yours Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

12th May 1970

Dear 

Shirley has come back from her brief visit home very happy about things indeed. She greeted me with " is doing what you told her, and it's great". I couldn't really get from her what it was you were doing ! But she certainly approved.

Thank you also, very much for the 10/- for your food. This will cover at least the next four lunches you have at Harweny, so please don't think of paying again for a number of visits.

Shirley also mentions that she does not need another coat to replace the one burnt in the fire. Could you try to send me the bill, or get the shop to give you a copy bill of the coat you bought, and I will have the insurance money sent to you. As we are insured I think it right we should use the money from the claim.

Meanwhile I hope you are feeling well. Shirley is already looking forward to her Summer holiday !

Yours sincerely,

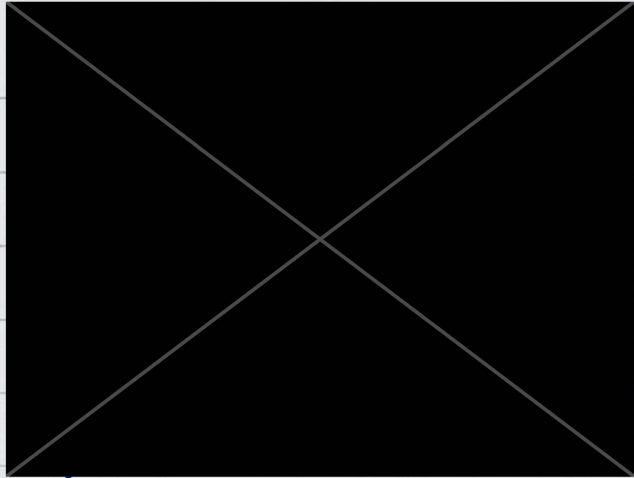
13th April 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter. [REDACTED] is away at a Conference just now and I am afraid I cannot get into the safe to see if Shirley's money is there, but I think [REDACTED] would put there to make sure nothing happened to it. [REDACTED] will be back on the 20th when the school starts and he will sort it out then.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



April 2nd 1970,

Dear Sir,

I would be very much obliged if you could send on the Money and Birthday Cards belonging to Phily as people are asking me if she has got them alright, I can't tell or thank them till I know myself. I phoned as she was crying for her money and whoever answered the phone said they would see about it and they are in [redacted] Room. The

size of Shirley's Duffle Coat will have
be size 30 in as it has to do
for next winter too this one is nearly
over. She could have done with it now
as it is very cold and snowing heavily
She also had ~~for~~ ^{Blue, Red and white} gloves in a pocket
of Duffle Coat. I hope you all have
had a nice Easter. Shirley has not
been too bad up till now but still
takes her mad turns, and getting better
weather than we are,

We might be coming back with
Shirley if all goes well, as ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXX~~ sent on a one way ticket to help
me out on the fares.

Yours Sincerely
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

24th March 1970

[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that you did not get your normal welcome at Harmany. As you will have noticed most of the children were in the village spending their pocket money, and of course the staff have to go with them to see all is alright. I am sure [REDACTED] would have made you a cup of tea if you had asked her.

I am pleased you liked the decoration. The wallpaper for Shirley's bedroom has at last come, and the next time you visit you will see a great change in that room too.

I'll keep that photo you want in mind, and try and make a copy for you. You will probably have to remind me, but the next time you visit do have a look at the collection I have for sale and choose yourself some.

I do hope that you have a good holiday with Shirley.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

12th. February 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your letter of the 6th. February. Please don't hesitate to write to me if you have anything you want to say. It is always valuable for us to hear from [REDACTED] of the children at Harweny and this is one of the things that makes it possible for us to help the children that are with us.

I am passing the list of clothing that you want Shirley to bring home for the holiday on to her housemother, I hope that you will get the right clothes for the holiday.

We have not yet heard from Aberdeen how Shirley is to get home, but when she gets home I hope you have a very pleasant time with her. She has been rather quieter at school this term. She is getting on very nicely with her lessons and we are pleased with her performance all round. She can of course still be a little rascal and gets up to all kinds of mischief as the opportunities arise./

/ I am sorry that [REDACTED]. I
quite understand about [REDACTED]

Unfortunately Shirley's coat has been damaged in a small fire that we had here. We are claiming from the insurance and hope to be able to supply a new coat.

With best wishes for a successful half term holiday. We shall be seeing Shirley back on Monday 23rd. February .

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

29th. January 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

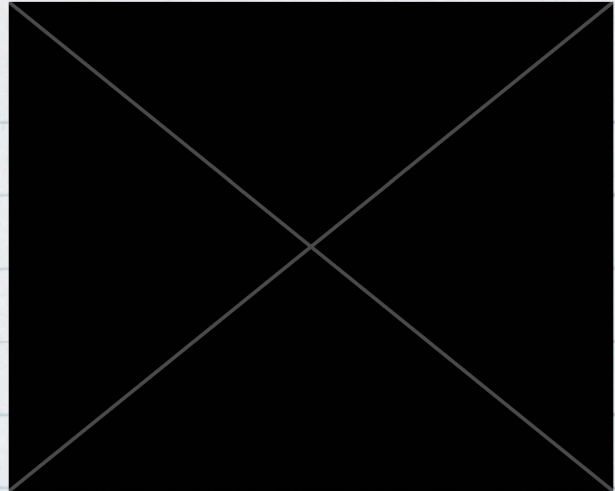
I find I have not answered your letter of 5th. January , for which I ~~am~~ sorry. Shirley came back happily and has settled into her school work. I think we find her a little less demanding than she used to be, but she can still be a little rascal.

About her teeth. She was part of the dental inspection before Christmas. We have to rely on the dentist to tell us what needs doing. We have frequent visits to the dentist, and as far as I can remember Shirley has been on visits there. We will certainly continue to see that she goes to the dentist.

I hope that you have some luck with your [REDACTED]

Please don't hesitate to write if there is anything worrying you.

Yours sincerely,



Jan. 5th. Monday, 1970.

Dear



This is Shirley's £1 if there is any left put it into Children's Fund I think there will be 4/- as usual. I had a terrible job this holidays as Shirley has had bad teeth. I told her to let you know, but I guess she did not. She got them out on Emergency on Homoney Night and Dentist says Shirley's must have an 8 week check up, as her teeth are not in

good condition, so could you
please see that it is seen too.
The still has cold and filthy nose
has been on a Penicillan Mixture but
it is finished now, also still complaining
about earache, I have done all I can
at this end so I know you have a
lot to do but could you see into
this. I wrote to M.P. about fares but
still waiting, reply as

I can't send on receipts as
this firm do not send one, just your
pay order. I have done my best for
clothes also, but this last year has
been a very bad one for us, hoping this
one will be better. Hope you all had a
Nice Xmas and New Year.

Yours Faithfully

P.S. I have not giving Shirley any dinner to-day, as she has been feeling sick for 2 days now so I guess she will be hungry when she gets there. Shirley has been good up until the past three days then found out she was going back on Monday, then the trouble started as usual.

3rd. November 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter received today.

Perhaps it was not very clear about Shirley's pocket money. She is no longer overdrawn and the £1 which you sent in your last letter will cover her pocket money until Christmas, so that you do not need to send any more money.

I was happy to hear about the wedding and will send the photographs back as soon as Shirley has seen them.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter and I still have not found [REDACTED] Settlement Form, I have looked all over the house, so I will just have to send to Southampton to see if they will give me another one, as [REDACTED] must have it to show [REDACTED] has been [REDACTED].

I don't know how Shirley was short of money at the Summer time as there was only once that she has not had £1 with her which is still too much as she was only allowed 1/6 first year then after March

This year she gets 2/- Well I write
and told [redacted] that the rest of the
money could go towards the fund for school
but he never answered me, and she always
had money in her pocket. This is the first
time she has had no money in her pocket
simply because I had no money myself. I
am sending on these photos to let Shirley see
them she will see the big ones when she
comes home at Christmas, because they have not
been sent forward to us yet, but Shirley was
very good at the wedding, only drunk some one's
drink, I got told and gave her into trouble so
after that she was very good. She cried at the
ceremony as she thought she was losing [redacted]
but the Minister spoke to her and she was alright
after that. Please let me know how much Shirley
owes, as I don't believe in owing any one anything
I will send it on when I have money, I count the weeks
and I know how much you [redacted] Shirley has to get.
I am enclosed to send back photos to me as [redacted]
has not seen them yet either.

28th. October 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

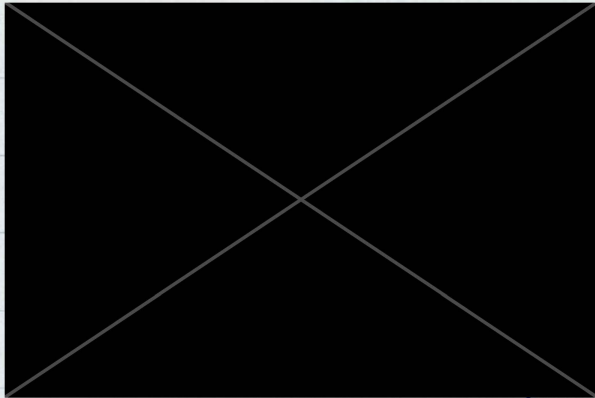
I do remember that I did not take [REDACTED] when I called. I remember placing it on the cupboard at the side of the chair where I was sitting. I hope you are able to find it.

I have given [REDACTED] the £1 in saving stamps which will cover Shirley's pocket money until Christmas.

It seems that Shirley was overdrawn at the end of the summer term. You may not have been told of this.

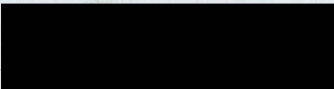
Anyhow you do not need to send any more pocket money. Even if Shirley does get overdrawn one or two weeks she still gets her money.

Yours sincerely,



22nd Oct. 1969.

Dear



Shirley was saying she does not get enough money with her, well I count the weeks and she gets 2/- weekly now I have always given

the \$1 the last time I told [redacted] to
put the rest to wards funds for school. I know it
is not much, but I have very little myself.

Yours sincerely

P.S. This is the \$1 in saving stamps

3rd. September 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

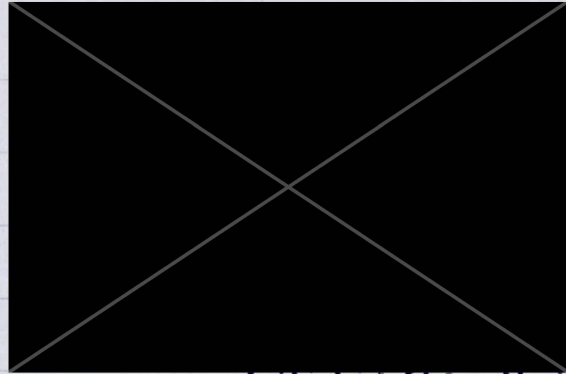
I am sorry that I have not yet replied to your long letter.

This is just a note to reassure you on the question of the winter clothing. You were sent a routine letter. It is quite correct that we have sufficient clothing of Shirley's for the winter. The Wellingtons are far too small. Shall we buy some and send you the bill ?

On the other points I can only repeat that Shirley brings toys and games at her own risk. We do the best we can to look after them for her, but almost inevitably she leaves them around to get broken or missing.

Yours sincerely,



[REDACTED]



20th Aug 1969.

Dear



I am interested in your letter asking for winter clothing for Shirley, all her clothes are down there as for Wellington it was only 2 Terms ago that she got new ones away with her. I did not know she required sandals. I also want to find out why we have to keep Shirley in clothes for Harmony House and Home also as when my  has been  he has been refused payment for Shirley



and

she says to put Shirley back with what she has as I can't do it if I have no money. Where has all Shirley's lovely jumpers and cardigans, as she

hardly has any clothes here at home
I am worried to death how I am going to
manage. I want to be able to send anything
to Shirley or phone her till [REDACTED] comes
home so you will just have to explain
to her. She is also threatening to run away
again. She was nearly drowned at the Baths
here the other night as one of the children
panic and held on to Shirley. She swallowed
a lot of water and unconscious for a few minutes
as she tried to save [REDACTED]. She maybe
a little frightened at first. I don't know as
I told her to go back in the water again as I
thought that was the best thing to do, but
only stayed in a few minutes. I will phone and
see if I can get anybody on the phone tonight
hoping thing will work out alright in the mean-
time. Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

THE CUNARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY LTD.

ADVICE SLIP

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NAME	DATE	ALLOTMENT NOTE NO.	AMOUNT
TURNER	20 AUG 1968	/3/209	12.0.0.

[REDACTED]

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS ADVICE TO US.

10th. July 1969

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter.

If you ask [REDACTED] to give us a ring we could arrange a day with her for taking Shirley out.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

4th June 1969.

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to let you know that there is a very nice girl going to Edinburgh for our holiday fortnight. She might manage to come and see Shirley. She was asking if she could get her out for the day if all goes well. It would be the last week of Shirley's term I think, as she will be home on the 25th July is that right, if you manage time could you please let me know because this is a very nice girl. Her name is [REDACTED]

24th. June 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry that you have difficulty getting through to Shirley. On the occasion you mention I found Shirley and told her you were on the phone, but never knew that she did not actually talk to you.

I'm afraid it is impossible to have someone waiting with Shirley for the phone to ring. You might have better luck at about 7.30 pm when the children are in supper.

I am sorry to hear about [REDACTED].
I hope that things will get a little easier for you.

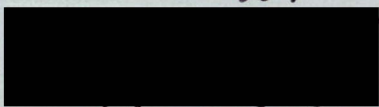
Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



21st June 1969.

Dear



I wonder if you could
make Shirley understand that

