

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES IN SCHOOLS

Where a school intends to put on a public performance, disco or stage play (eg at Christmas) a licence must be purchased. Particulars about the licence charge and arrangements may be obtained direct from the Isle of Wight Council Licensing Manager (Tel: 828159). Performances which are only for pupils and their parents and friends are not considered public performances.

The granting of a licence normally involves an inspection of premises. There are regulations which affect the maximum size of audience, linking of chairs and safety precautions.

Schools are advised to make licence arrangements not less than six weeks in advance of performance dates, allowing time for visits by a Council representative and/or a member of the Fire Service. This will then allow time for regulations to be complied with. Requirements will depend on the particular premises in which a performance is to take place.

The Education Department does not need to be kept informed of such applications and need not be informed of production dates or details unless a request for additional seating is involved in which case at least one month's notice should be given to Development Section (Tel: 823552).