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Dear Christine

St Benedict's School

Thank you for your email telling us that you have decided to remove your recent inspection report from your website as some additional facts have come to light which suggest that the reporting inspector's conclusions in relation to child protection need further investigation.

We have reviewed the material available on our file, various newspaper articles, material on the school website, and discussed the current position with the Charity Commission, local police and social services. Police and social services are content for inspection work to continue, and the Charity Commission is focused on obtaining a comprehensive report from the school.

We would therefore be extremely grateful if you could conduct an unannounced inspection with an emphasis on measures that are in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are pupils at the school, including when they participate in activities in the Abbey.

We would like your visit to focus on:

- piecing together a comprehensive account of any allegations that have been made against various members of staff, volunteers, trustees and beneficiaries of the trust that operates St Benedict's school with a particular focus on establishing whether there are any outstanding allegations which would affect the school's current operations
- whether or not all allegations have been reported to and investigated by social services and/or other statutory agencies
- whether reports in relation to staff or other people who may be unsuitable to

- work with children have been made to the relevant authorities
- whether there have been any material concerns about staff and others who have left the school in recent years and if so how these have been handled
 - whether there have been any allegations relating to the current trustees of the school and if so how these have been addressed
 - the nature of the relationship between the school and the Abbey, in particular the extent to which pupils participate in activities in the Abbey
 - the steps that the Trustees have taken to balance their responsibilities to the different classes of beneficiaries
 - identify and analyse the various reports that have been prepared in relation to safeguarding at St Benedict's
 - in the light of this evidence, consider whether current safeguarding procedures at the school and in related Abbey activities, adequately protect the pupils at St Benedict's.

Yours sincerely

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