

### WITNESS STATEMENT

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3)(a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.1

Statement of **Christopher Joseph CLEUGH** ..... URN: 

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Age if under 18 **Over 18** ..... (if over 18 insert 'over 18') Occupation: **Head Master**.....

This statement (consisting of .... 3..... pages each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: **C J Cleugh** ..... Date: **24.6.09**.....

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded  (supply witness details on rear)

I am the Head Master of St Benedict's School. I have been in this position since January 2002.

On Tuesday 15th January 2008 one of my pupils, **RC-A621** went to see Dr Carlo FERRARIO, who was the Duty Head Master and Child Protection Officer. As a result of this visit Dr FERRARIO came to see me and told me that **RC-A621** had made an allegation against Father David PEARCE who is a resident at Ealing Abbey. As a result of this, I then joined **RC-A621** and Dr FERRARIO. During our conversations with **RC-A621** he made disclosures of a sexual nature against Father PEARCE. I asked the question of **RC-A621** and Dr FERRARIO subsequently typed these notes up and gave them to me. I produce these notes as my Exhibit **DPA** I produce my notes of conversations I had with **RC-A621** **RC-A621** on 10th January 2008, and on 15th January 2008, and also a conversation I had with **RC-A621** and his parents on Wednesday, 16th January 2008. I produce these notes as my Exhibit **DPA** The statement that I made originally shows the date of Wednesday 19th January and it has now been changed to 16th January 2008. I have also been asked by police if we have any school records relating to the complainants in the case of Father PEARCE. From the school records I can confirm the following.

**RC-A6** was a pupil at this school between September 1992 and left in July 1994.

**RC-A597** was a pupil between September 1988 and July 1995.

**RC-A11** was a pupil between September 1980 and July 1982.

**RC-A594** was a pupil between September 1976 and December 1980 and

**RC-A596** was a pupil between September 1975 and left in 1982.

Signature: **C J Cleugh** ..... Signature witnessed by: **C Hobson DC**.....

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