

Mr Eaton said that when [RO-A14] had been taken home following his exclusion, his parents were very cross with the lad. [RO-A14] had subsequently told Mr Eaton that he had run off to hide in an alleyway and had spent one night and possibly the rest of the week staying with his sister - to avoid possible good hiding.

Mr Eaton said that [RO-A14]'s father had admitted using similar tactics with an older son who had run away from home and [Irrelevant]. Now the father [Irrelevant] was not more wary of being 'heavy handed'.

Mr Eaton explained that he had a good relationship with the parents who were pleased with [RO-A14]'s place at Knowl View.

Ms Simpson reiterated again that the parents must be informed as soon as possible.

Mr Eaton agreed that immediately following the police interviews he would personally inform the parents.

Mr Hutchinson stated that the issues had been discussed at length and that Mr Eaton and himself were motivated to act in [RO-A14]'s best interests.

Mr Hutchinson stated that the Probation Officer had attempted to have a Magistrates Order made to exclude RH from the Knowl View premises but that the Magistrates were reported to have declined to make a 'negative order'.

Mr Eaton stated that it was believed that RH's father had now laid charges against RH after being threatened with a bread knife.

Mr Hutchinson stated his belief that RH had been admitted into Knowl View because the boys were sorry for him having been thrown out of his home. When he had explained to them that RH was a known offender they realised the folly of their action.

Mr Andrews said he was not satisfied with security arrangements, there was no intruder alarm for the buildings, no working night duty staff. Care staff were off duty from 10.30 pm until 7.15 am. The school was not a secure unit and at night there was a minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 staff present.