

Staff information contd

Strictly confidential

OBSERVATIONS

1. This is a complex affair which has needed much time-consuming, careful thought, consideration and discussion. Part of the thought and consideration was concerned with when and to whom to release information and in what form. The fact that a general notice was not communicated via an 'open' communications book in a staffroom that is regularly left unlocked was not an omission.
2. I am completely satisfied that there was no negligence on the part of any member of staff. The boys were ostensibly going about their normal legitimate activities within the framework of the Social Training Scheme and the school's philosophy.
3. I found it useful to be able to put my hand on pieces of information on file under 'behaviour sheets' - the extracted information from incidents book jottings. It emphasises just how important these notes are. ***
4. Latest information from the Police is that Hilton is to appear in Court on 20th February charged with one indecent assault and two others taken into consideration. He is likely to be given a small fine and put on probation.
5. The police have decided not to bring any charges against any of our boys but could have considered - obtaining money by false pretences, procuring, blackmail and threatening behaviour.
6. I have advised the C.E.O., Rochdale, our Chairman of Governors and written to C.E.O. Lancashire County and D.O.E. Bolton with copies to social workers, E.W.O's etc. concerning [RO-B328] and [RO-B47]. I have not, as yet, advised parents although Mrs. Handley, [RO-B330] E.W.O., is fully briefed.

DPA

T. Hoywood,
Headmaster.

8th February, 1984

*** P.S. [RO-B360]'s behaviour sheets and file are missing (and have been for some weeks) - please return.