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Knowl View Report

I enclose a copy of my report to be presented on Friday, Marilyn has to add her comments so there may be some changes but the content will remain similar.

This term Val I am feeling totally shell shocked from the battering I seem to be taking from the Local Authority. The main points I feel we should make are,

a. What happened at Knowl View was symptomatic of a staff culture and could happen again, we are not out of the wood yet.

b. Appointments to the school should be from outside the authority, and be personnel who have experience and qualifications in this field. Not just fitting in any staff.

c. The school and Head need every assistance they can get from the authority or the school will not survive.

The main senario from the authority's point of view is to

a. Cut the budget and reduce the care staff team, this they have already done.

b. Force the school to take redeployees from other areas in the authority.

c. Fill the school up as quickly as possible and reduce their capitation budget.

I could still survive with less care staff and a reduced budget, but what I can't survive without is a Deputy and a curriculum co-ordinator both of which have been appointed. The authority is trying to block the appointments because they think the teacher's unions will object as there is an agreement that appointments are first considered from the Authority.

I am sure we can put these points over so that Mary Moffat and Diana agree with what needs to be done and I can actually get on with the job of running a residential school.

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