

Issues for discussion

Incidents such as the one described are not unknown in residential schools. This fact should not lead us to trivialise the incident nor to regard existing arrangements and procedures with complacency.

Preventing a recurrence of such an incident requires a thorough and honest analysis of the factors involved. These must include :

- . the response of the police to school requests for assistance
- . the response of the probationary service and magistrates
- . the responsibility of the LEA for the security of the premises; for the appointment, training and support of appropriate staff; for curriculum policy and advice.
- . the responsibility of the governors for general oversight of the running of the school
- . the responsibility of the Headteacher and other school staff for the day-to-day management of the school, the welfare and safety of the pupils and their moral, physical and intellectual development.

The purpose of the report to the governing body on 25th October 1990 is to initiate discussion on the factors listed.

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