

Miss Simpson stressed the need for herself to be enabled to develop a full knowledge of the school and to this end asked to be personally involved in all staff appointments.

Mr. Bentley emphasised his concern that the staff had appeared not to fully appreciate the abnormality of the behaviour of certain pupils. There had been a lack of concern and anxiety.

Mr. Shipp recorded the terms of reference for Mrs. Mellor i.e. that she should visit the school and talk with staff about the behaviour of pupils, should consider the need to consult with the Police and Director of Social Services and give advice to the Director with regard to any future action which should be taken.

Mrs. Mellor asked if a video recording might be used when pupils were interviewed in case a child disclosed information about sexual abuse not previously revealed - in order to operate within the recommendation of the Cleveland enquiry.

Mr. Bentley & Miss Simpson expressed reservations about this proposal.

Mrs. Cavanagh confirmed that she would wish Mrs. Mellor to report back directly to her following preliminary enquiries, before enquiries were commenced with individual pupils.

It was agreed that Mrs. Mellor would report her findings back to the Director and others present on Tuesday 25th June 1991 at 5 p.m.

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