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Dear Mr Stafford

KNOWL VIEW SCHOOL

You will probably be aware of an incident which took place in early September when an adult male, Roderick Hilton, gained access to the dormitory accommodation of Knowl View School, Norden Road, Bamford, which caters for boys with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Mr Hilton is believed to have committed an offence with one of the pupils, for which he was charged by the Police. He subsequently appeared at Rochdale Magistrate's Court on Wednesday 17 October 1990 and I understand that he was remanded until 7 December 1990.

The Governors of the School are naturally anxious to prevent a recurrence of such an incident and have consulted with Superintendent Marshall of the Rochdale Police as to steps to be taken to prevent such an intrusion happening again. At a meeting of the Governors held on Tuesday 13 November 1990 it was reported that the intruder lives locally and that prior to the incident he was frequently seen hanging about the school premises and as a consequence they have asked me to write to you to seek your support in ensuring that as far as possible he is kept away from the area of the School.

I would be grateful for any assistance which you are able to give to this request.

Yours sincerely

Acting Chief Education Officer

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