

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE

MEMORANDUM

FROM: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO: J F D PIERCE
Chief Exec & Town Clerk
REF: ED5/DLC/KA COPY TO:
NAME & EXT: Diana Cavanagh : 5000
YOUR REF: DATE: 3th May 1992

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KNOWL VIEW SCHOOL

I am writing in response to your memo of the 1st May 1992 to update you on the situation at Knowl View School and on the actions taken following the receipt of Mrs Valerie Mellor's report.

A : ACTIONS TAKEN

13th March

Mrs Mellor presented her report to the group of LEA officers and elected Members who have met regularly over the past eighteen months. The report was accepted without hesitation and in its entirety. At my request the Headteacher and the Adviser for Special Education drew up a parallel document which gave an account of how far Mrs Mellor's recommendations had already been discussed or acted upon. I attach a copy of their report to this memo.

At Mrs Mellor's suggestion a second report was provided which deleted some of the references to the previous caretaker: we were advised that wide distribution of this information might prejudice any possible prosecution of the caretaker by the Police.

I would stress at this point that only those officers with a close involvement in the situation have retained copies of the report: all other staff and elected Members have returned their copies to me.

27th March

A meeting was held at the school of all staff (teaching, care and admin/ clerical staff but not manual staff). Again Mrs Mellor presented her report and there was considerable discussion of her findings. Some staff expressed the concern that no individuals had been identified as being at fault and therefore the whole school was to shoulder the responsibility.

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