

Mr. Chief

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Knowl View School,
Norden Road,
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7th July, 1977

Mr. H. Stanley,
Chairman, Education Committee,
Rochdale Metropolitan Borough,
13, Perth Road,
Rochdale.

Dear Mr. Stanley,

We, the undersigned members of staff at Knowl View School, wish to express the following points in reference to the suspension of [RO-F34] and the unfortunate decision made by magistrates at the Court hearing in Heywood on 6th July, 1977:

1. We unanimously and implicitly believe in his innocence.
2. We acknowledge that since his appointment he has proven to be a totally acceptable member of a dedicated team.
3. We believe him to be industrious, meticulous and responsible and most effective in both classwork and extraneous duties.
4. His influence on boys is both beneficial and therapeutic being based upon sound qualities of patience and tolerance.
5. His standards of behaviour, self-discipline and professional attitude are undoubtedly based upon sound Christian principles and morals.

In stressing these points we implore that the Education Authority, the Governors to the School and yourself express a leniency and high level of sympathetic appreciation of not only our faith in [RO-F34] but in recognition of his services and importance to our developing unit.

We feel it significant to note that senior staff present at the hearing felt there had been a miscarriage of justice. These feelings were imparted from impartial personnel present including a police inspector who even felt that on the basis of evidence presented the case should not have gone to court.

Knowl View School has had more than its share of unsettling experiences in recent years. At a time when we are making progress to attaining our true potential we feel that we are not in a position to carry more setback. But Knowl View School apart, our sympathies and concern lie wholeheartedly with [RO-F34] his professional status, his wife and child. The alleged offence has already created more upset than is merited.

Our letter is not emotional but sincere in acknowledging not only support for a fellow member of staff but also in attaining our true potential. We believe firmly that [RO-F34] should be instrumental in being a part of our developing establishment.

Yours sincerely,

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