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Dear Mrs Mellor

**KNOWL VIEW RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**

I am writing to request you formally to undertake a review at Knowl View Residential School following your previous investigation and report (July 1991 - March 1992) and as envisaged in our discussions in January.

I agree that the review will be most appropriately carried out by your spending a week at the school from the 8th February. The review will focus on the benefit or otherwise which the school is providing to the children in its care and whether the school environment - the actions of staff and fellow pupils, the curriculum and pastoral arrangements - promotes healthy development. I understand healthy development to include intellectual, social, moral, emotional and physical development.

As you know, this description of the review was accepted unanimously by the Governing Body and I attach a copy of the Minutes of that meeting for your information. (They have yet to be approved by the Governors at a further meeting). I hope you will also have a close regard for the Governors' concerns, in so far as they are not covered by the above description.

Given the events of recent years, members of the Education Committee will wish to feel certain that pupils at Knowl View are receiving a wholesome education and are in fact more satisfactorily placed at Knowl View than elsewhere. If this is not the case, the Committee would have to consider the closure of the school. I would welcome clear advice from you on this issue.

Your previous report was undertaken specifically for myself, as Director of Education and for the Director of Legal Services. The commission for this report is similarly for myself and the Acting Borough Solicitor, Mr Bill Lawley, to whom I am copying this letter.

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