

7.26. The first pupils were admitted to the school on the 8th January 1969. Thirteen boys in total were admitted on this date;

- 5 from Lancashire **RO-A8**, **RO-B341**, **RO-A163**, **RO-B200** and **RO-B200** and **RO-B348**
  - 4 from Bolton **RO-B387**, **RO-A7**, **RO-A73** and **RO-A165**
  - 2 from Oldham **RO-B413** and **RO-B459**
  - 2 from Rochdale **RO-B460** and **RO-F24**
- ( [Exhibit GH85](#) )

7.27. In 1970 the Articles of Government for Knowl View Residential School were enacted by Rochdale Council and the school officially opened in 1971.

7.28. On 15th January 1970 the Education Committee delegated the power to determine the staffing establishment of the school to the Knowl View Governing Body. ([Exhibit GH86](#))

7.29. Articles of Government for Special Schools in the County Borough of Rochdale were drawn up and enacted on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1971. The articles were to apply to the government of Knowl View Residential School and 3 other special schools in the Rochdale Borough (High Birch School, Brownhill School and Children's Hospital School). A fifth school was subsequently added (Innes School). The Articles include sections covering finance, school premises, appointment and dismissal of the head, assistant teachers, non-teaching staff, organisation and curriculum. ([Exhibit GH87](#))

7.30. An updated version of the Instruments and Articles of Government for Knowl View Residential School was drawn up in early 1978 and on 18<sup>th</sup> May 1978 new Articles of Government for Knowl View Residential School were enacted. These amended the earlier Articles. The other "Participating authorities are named as County Council of the Lancashire County Council, Council of Oldham Borough Council and Council of Bolton Borough Council. The Articles cover finance, school premises, appointment and dismissal of Head, and appointment of Assistant teachers and non-teaching staff (which refers to caretaker and groundsmen and "persons providing milk, meals and other refreshment for the pupils"). They state that the LEA will "*determine the educational character of the school and its place in the educational system*" ([Exhibit GH88](#))

7.31. A Review of the Staffing Structure of KVS was carried out by Terence Hopwood, Head Teacher in 1978. His report dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 1978 refers to Senior House parents having relevant qualifications and experience "*in a situation involving the caring and treatment of disturbed children*". The report introduced the new role of Head of Care and limited the role of the Domestic Bursar to "*Keep medical records and organise appointments for boys to doctor, dentist, hospital, audiometric testing etc.*" ([Exhibit GH89](#))

7.32. Until 1979 the care staff establishment consisted of a Matron, a senior houseparent, and 4 full time and 2 part time houseparents. In early 1978, Terence Hopwood, head teacher, carried out a review of the staffing structure. In his report dated 25<sup>th</sup> April