

CONTINUATION OF STATEMENT OF Andrew Laurence SOPER

about the allegation made against him. I spoke to the social worker Pat ALLEN who explained some of the background and the procedure in such cases. On Monday 15th June I understood that Father David may be charged with the alleged offence and contacted our solicitors and arranged for a solicitor to accompany Father David as appropriate. Having taken advice from a senior advisory governor and our solicitors, I deemed it inappropriate to suspend Father David from his post, partly because the timing of the allegation in my eyes and the eyes of those I consulted, appeared to be a smoke screen for the alleged activity of the father and partly since Father David has been in the community for 22 years at least 16 of them as a school teacher in the senior or junior schools without any allegation of impropriety of any sort against him. In the light of this I considered it right at this stage to give my full support to him as headmaster and in view of the fact that I considered all the above reasons that there was no possible danger to any other children at the school. A.L.SOPER

Signed A.L.SOPER

Signature witnessed by

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