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RC-A11

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Dear **RC-A11**

Re: Ealing Abbey/St Benedict's School

Following the settlement of your claim I am writing to offer you an apology.

I am deeply sorry that you suffered abuse when you were a pupil at St Benedict's School. Such abusive behaviour was wholly wrong, offends all our values and is indefensible. It should never happen.

I apologise for any decisions taken in the past and any mistakes, failures or lack of knowledge on the part of those who held positions of responsibility. I acknowledge that this matter has caused you distress and suffering and for that I am sorry.

I can however assure you that Ealing Abbey and St Benedict's School's practices now, together with recently introduced statutory procedures, including Criminal Records Bureau checks and much closer collaboration between agencies, make it as certain as possible that such unacceptable behaviour does not occur. Our own procedures are under constant review. I am committed to doing all I can to put in place best practice for the future.

Please also be assured that we are doing, and will do, all in our power to seek to ensure that no-one else suffers as you did. Anyone who suffers abuse by employees or anyone else for whom the Ealing Abbey and St Benedict's School is responsible is assured of prompt and compassionate attention, in conjunction with the police and other statutory authorities.

Yours sincerely

DPA

Abbot Martin Shipperlee OSB

