

HT stated that this had been seen by Mr Nelson (solicitor). Mr Nelson denies this.

23rd August 2010

Dear Parents

Unannounced Inspection by ISI

On the morning of 30th April, I received a phone call from ISI informing me that they had been directed by the DCSF (now DFE) to carry out a further inspection of the School with particular regard to Safeguarding. This followed on from information provided by a member of the public.

Two inspectors arrived at the School within 30 minutes of this phone call to conduct the Inspection. They subsequently revisited for a further day in May, this was principally because on 30th April, Fr Abbot was abroad and unavailable to meet with them. Fr Abbot and I were advised by the ISI not to inform parents of this inspection until the report was published. This occurred on 4th August and, in view of the summer holiday period, it was agreed with ISI that it would be sent out before or just after the start of term.

not correct.

There has been considerable press coverage following the publication of the report, as is not untypical, this has been inaccurate and certainly unbalanced. I believe you will realise this on reading the report.

It is important to highlight two points:

1. At the time of full Inspection in November 2009, we were deemed to be fully compliant with statutory requirements. The School's Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures were approved not only by the two Inspection Teams (Junior and Senior School) but also by the solicitors advising us at that time.

— based on incomplete disclosure. Made clear at start of follow-up report.

On their return visit the Inspectors were concerned about the wording (but **not** the practice) of the policy. Subsequently we have implemented the suggestions and having been advised by ISI that our policy is now an exemplar of excellence.

— not correct.

2. The Inspectors acknowledged that the pupils throughout the age range were happy and felt safe in School and perhaps most tellingly were keen to recommend the school to others!

We do recognise that in the distant past (over 20 years ago) that errors of judgment were made, but these are historic and indeed it was the prompt

— implies that all allegations are historical — not the case.

action by the School following disclosure from a pupil in 2008 with respect to a safeguarding issue that led to a criminal investigation and conviction. The incident that led to this did not occur in school.

Fr Abbot has already taken steps to prevent any further such incidents in the future. Not only has he instructed me to consult with the School Advisors and my senior team to prepare a full action plan to address the recommendation of the report, he has further commissioned Lord Carlile of Berriew QC to undertake a further full independent review. This report will be published and every recommendation will be activated.

Really positive step.

Clearly, the historic ^{underplays + so indicates attitudes still not right} matters are grave and all associated with the Monastic Community and the School deeply regret the hurt and damage they have caused and continue to cause. It is for this reason that I would invite you to attend an open meeting in The Cloisters on Tuesday, 14th September at 7.30pm when Fr Abbot, Mr Simmons and I will answer any concerns you may have.

The Health, Safety and Welfare of your children is our primary concern. I have included with this report a further copy of our 2009 full ISI report and the Diocesan Section 48 carried out in July 2010. These reports, I believe, give an accurate reflection of our School Community. ^{Mistake to do this it is based on incomplete disclosure - again indicates that AT doesn't grasp the gravity of that failure to report.}

Should you have any immediate concerns, please do contact either Mr Simmons or me directly.

I ask you to continue to pray for the Monastic Community, the School and all those who have been hurt and damaged in the past.

Yours sincerely

C J Cleugh
Headmaster

States clearly that the follow-up is to update those judged: