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I have attached for your information a copy of the Slattery Report (confidential to the Special Schools Working Party) which was a detailed reflection made by Paul Slattery QC on the St Ann's Special School Report, which investigated the matters of sexual abuse which took place in the late 1980s and late 1990s. His reflection identifies a number of matters that require attention and it is our hope that this review will move forward these recommendations.

I have asked REDACTED to chair the working party. I will also ask REDACTED that a progress or final report be made available to the Board of Governors by the 1st July 2006. I invite the group to discuss with me and the Management Committee ongoing issues as appropriate in order that views can be formed for the recommendations that will be made.

Thank you for accepting the invitation to be a member of this group and I very much look forward to the work that will be undertaken in the time ahead.

With best wishes

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