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**From:** Bernard Hill [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 September 2009 1:36 PM  
**To:** YG  
**Cc:** Archbishop  
**Subject:** RE: THE SCHOOL

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Sorry that I missed you- I called you back but didn't leave a message.

I think that you should not include in your statement any information that may help to identify the complainant or the respondent. So I would remove references to Preparatory School, as well as that a 'teacher' has been stood down. I also think that the media will not be interested in the school's approach to child protection.

In short, I think that less is more. I recommend the following:

"THE SCHOOL is assisting the police in investigating a matter concerning a former student. The School does not wish to do anything that may prejudice the investigation, and therefore will not be making any comment."

I also suggest that the school prepares a longer, more detailed statement to the 'THE audience' – ie parents, past students and other stakeholders. This can go into more detail about the School's ethos about child protection etc. It can be put on the website (which of course the media can quote if they wish) and maybe also made available in letter form.

I've spoken with the Archbishop about this and he is in agreement.

Let me know if I may help you further. Feel free to contact me on my mobile below if I'm not in my office or on another call.

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**From:** YG  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 September 2009 12:44 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Bernard Hill; WD  
**Subject:** THE SCHOOL  
**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon Archbishop

The Headmaster, WD has asked that I contact you as a matter of urgency in relation to a matter that was brought to your attention last week concerning a staff member in our Preparatory School.

The Headmaster has received a telephone message from a journalist at the ABC enquiring as to the nature of the circumstances surrounding the standing down of a teacher at the school last week.

The Headmaster is attending to matters but will by the close of business today be returning the call to the journalist concerned and therefore we believe that the press will be looking for comment on this matter.

Please find below the Press Release that we have prepared:

Media Release

THE SCHOOL *has been informed that charges have been laid against a teacher in the Preparatory School concerning a former student. The teacher has been provided with counselling but was immediately stood down from all duties. The School is doing everything it can to offer support to the former student and his family at this most difficult time."*

Kind Regards

YG Bursar and Secretary to School Council |

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