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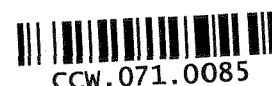
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With all the recent publicity surrounding pedophilia in Schools and legal claims arising out of that, and because we have a new parent group, it is appropriate that we update you on the Lynch affair and claims against BGS arising out of it.

Let me say at the outset that the School's public apology to any boy who may have been affected by Lynch, made immediately the School received evidence of misbehavior by Lynch in May 2000 stands and is repeated. So does the School's immediate offer of counselling assistance to any boy who may have been affected, including those who may make legal claims against the school.

The School is, we assure you, more surprised and disappointed than anyone that Lynch was able to misbehave without detection. One issue we have looked very hard at is why not one boy making claims against the School appears to have complained to anyone, and we have looked very carefully at *the psychology of complaint with boys, systems and culture, and so on.* The review of our present systems was independent of School management.

Quite a large number of boys have foreshadowed legal claims against the School. Only (4?) have served proceedings. Another (?) appear to have issued writs to preserve their position. We simply do not know how many will proceed.



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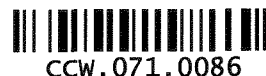
One unfortunate but necessary aspect of it is that we must move in conjunction with our insurers. The School pays premiums to protect the fabric of the School against a whole range of risks, and it is fair and appropriate that we access the policies in the event of claims. To the extent that legal redress is appropriate for any boy, our insurers obviously have to scrutinize each claim.

While it frustrates us that we cannot deal directly with a lot of the boys because they are represented by lawyers, our offer of any necessary medical support continues despite the legal process. We are concerned that any who may need it take advantage of it.

In the meantime it must be and will be business as usual at the School, and we are confident day to day schooling has not been and will not be affected at all. The staff and boys are not and will not be in any way involved in the analysis of events which happened between 1976 and 1988.

Per Howard Stack for:

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