

10th June, 1996.

Mr Malcolm Powys
C/- GGS Highton

Dear Malcolm,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7 June, 1996.

I wish to inform you that I have been able to find suitable accommodation and will have vacated the Boarding House by the end of Sunday 16 June, 1996.

I have been deeply hurt by the innuendo that has brought about this situation and perceive a tacit acceptance of it by you through the wording of your letter and your offer regarding counselling. I do not see why I should seek counselling for something that I have not done. I regard this innuendo and your unilateral decision as an affront to my integrity and would have thought that the opportunity to decide to leave the Boarding House of my own free will would have been offered.

I made it absolutely clear, when I requested permission to stay on in the Boarding House and to anyone that asked, that I wished to 'save on rent' while I bought land and built a house. That, and only that, was my motivation for staying on.

I have always had the interests of the Boarding House, the school and the children as some of my main priorities in my activities within and without the school. I now feel this loyalty has been utterly betrayed. I cannot see myself ever again promoting the school for which I once had so much regard.

I have been left sickened by the events and cannot comprehend that people for whom I had great regard could rumour monger to such a degree based on a totally unfounded premise.

I have decided that silence over this matter is not the best option for myself and my integrity. To keep this to myself, I believe, is giving acceptance to a despicable lie for which I should not have to, and will not continue to, suffer. By keeping this to myself I have had to fabricate a lie to explain my sudden decision to leave to my friends. This I have found to be a most uncomfortable thing and I cannot continue to do this. I wish to stand by my integrity and let it speak for itself.

In closing I do not feel that I can take up your invitation to the end of year boarders' function.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Trutmann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Trutmann