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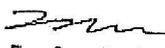
Thank you for your letter about BKK. As you will know from my email of 12th August, the School does not know the names of the alleged victims of Phillippe Trutmann and thus I did not know of any involvement of BKK. Naturally, I am sorry to hear the issues you have raised. Ever since I have been aware of the issue, I have considered it with the utmost gravity and have co-operated fully with the police. I can imagine that the whole issue is distressing for you and for BKK as the implications of the allegations are for the School. None of us would ever wish to see students placed in a situation where someone betrays a position of trust.

In my recent email, I said that we would be available to offer support to any of those directly affected, if they wanted to contact us. If BKK would find it helpful to speak to someone at the School about his experiences – either to me as the Principal of the School or to a school counsellor - then he is most welcome to make contact with us. I would be grateful if you would pass this offer on as he may not be aware that we have made such a suggestion. Moreover, as has not contacted us directly, I would not wish the School to make the first approach, in case he would prefer not to discuss it with us.

I am sorry that you felt that BKK's departure from the school was not handled well. As it was a number of years ago, I am not able to comment directly on the matter, but I do know only too well that asking any student to leave is always a difficult and distressing time for all concerned. As such, it does need to be handled as sensitively as possible. I am sorry if you felt that was not the case in this instance.

As the Trutmann case is still before the courts, I believe that the matter is sub judice and that I am therefore not in a position to comment further. However, I hope that you can see from my email and from this letter that the School is very sympathetic about the issue and is certainly not trying to ignore it.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Meek
Principal