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Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of 3 May, 2010.

I was not aware of your letter of 23 August, 2002 but I have now obtained relevant documents and I have considered it.

Firstly, I wish to acknowledge receipt of that letter. It is not clear to me why Mr Toppin did not do so at the time.

Secondly, your letter of 23 August, 2002 refers to certain allegations against Mr John Bednall. That matter has resolved, by the Police dropping all charges. As I understand it, Mr Bednall's actions were found to have been part of an investigation by him of access by students of certain websites. It seems some ill-informed comment by some presented a view of his actions which was wrong. Those comments also led to many drawing conclusions that were also wrong.

There is in these circumstances, no cause in my view for The Hutchins School to investigate the behaviour of Mr Bednall.

7 I will, however, give careful consideration to his investigation of your complaint. I was appointed Headmaster in 2008 and have had no past contact with the School. As such, I will require time to become familiar with the documentation.

Yours faithfully