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Thursday 13th April 2006

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Thank you for your and your signatories' letter dated 30.03.06.

Before dealing with the proposals, there are two points which cannot pass without clarification.

In your letter, paragraph three, you suggest that the current pupils might not be happy or safe. This accusation has no foundation. A visit to the Schools, or seeing recent inspection reports would give the lie to these statements. If you phone me, I could arrange either or both.

The same paragraph seems to contain the threat that if specified action is not taken, there will be disruption.

I would like your and your group's assurances that this was not what was meant. As you know, there has been graffiti on the school buildings, illegal leafleting of potential parents at Open Days, and illegal entry to the school premises. Again, I would ask you and your group to confirm that you do not condone these activities, that you have had no part in them and are not threatening the schools with "disruption".

With this assurance in place, the governors would find it easier to accept that your group of signatories genuinely see themselves as part of the St. James community and has the welfare of the current pupils at heart. This of course is the primary duty of the present governors.

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Given the above assurances, the governors will consider the several suggestions at their next meeting. (I would however say at this stage that the Inquiry Report did not specifically accuse any of the current teachers of criminal behaviour.)

After a period of years which has seen much evolutionary change and improvement, it is accepted that a fundamental review of the governors of St. James schools would be timely and in order. The expectation is that this will be completed by the end of the Summer Term and implemented in the next academic year.

Looking forward to your assurances on the matter of disruption.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Pincham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Roger J. Pincham
Chairman of the Board of Governors