

**STATEMENT BY ELDERS OF THE PLYMOUTH BRETHREN CHRISTIAN CHURCH (PBCC)**

**REGARDING ARTICLE IN THE MAIL ON SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013**

We have seen the statement from the Wilton Park Trustees 'COMMENTS ON ARTICLE IN THE MAIL ON SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2013' and as informed of the witnessed facts we unequivocally support everything contained therein.

The Mail article is a disgraceful misrepresentation of the true situation and is full of error and distortion.

As regards the alleged 'shutting up' of the girl pupil:

- The girl pupil was never 'shut up' at any time by her local elders or the congregation.
- When the family was going through a difficult time, church elders provided support and counsel as a result of which the household has been kept together as a family unit.
- The girl temporarily stayed at home in support of and with the full sympathy of her mother, and with the full knowledge of the school. Wilton Park School facilitated this by providing learning materials and support and in fact successfully sat her exams during this time.

Teaching at Wilton Park School, as in all PBCC schools, is based on the National Curriculum and is carried out under the direction and guidance of non-Brethren professional teachers.

The Plymouth Brethren Christian Church believes strongly in the sanctity of marriage and the family and this is reflected in the Christian ethos of the school.

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