

MURRAY WILTON/DEREK FIRTH CRITICAL JOINT STATEMENT 10 OCTOBER 2022

(drawn from our written evidence, the records of Murray Wilton, and documents provided by the Royal Commission)

ABUSER/ POSITION	ABUSE DATES	HEAD/ CHAIR	WHEN REPORTED TO HEAD	ACTION TAKEN	REPORTED TO POLICE?	REPORTED TO TEACHING COUNCIL?
J Stephens Tutor	1971	P Parr/ DF Cotter	Not known and not reported	None	Reported by a victim in 2019	No. Not a teacher and it didn't exist and offence not known
K Dixon Tutor	1973	P Parr/ DF Cotter	Not known and not reported	None	Reported by the victim in 2011	No. Didn't exist then and offence not known
GRO-C-1 School Chaplain	GRO-C	P Parr/ DF Cotter	Immediately	Made to resign immediately	No. Reasons given in Derek Firth's evidence	No. Didn't exist then
R McIntosh Teacher/ Housemaster	1974-1979	M Wilton/ DF Cotter	Dec 1979	Made to resign	No. Not criminal abuse	No. Didn't exist then
I Wilson Teacher/ Housemaster Asst Principal	1970s	M Wilton/ DS Firth	Dec 1996	Made to resign	By victim on Head's advice before Dec 1996	Feb 1997
H Wynyard Teacher/ Housemaster	1980s	M Wilton/ DF Cotter	June 1983	Resigned	No. Not criminal abuse	No. Not dismissed
L Cave Music Director	1985	M Wilton/ DF Cotter	June 1985	Dismissed	No. At request of victim and parent. Not criminal abuse	No. Didn't exist then
GRO-B-1 Housemaster	1986-1992	M Wilton/ DF Cotter	Reported to DTB August 2018	Not known	Not known	Not known
GRO-C-2	GRO-C	M Wilton/ DF Cotter	Dec 1994	Dismissed when offending first known	Dec 1994	Feb 1995.
A Harlow Asst Housemaster	1987-1991	M Wilton/ DF Cotter	Not reported while at Dilworth	No knowledge of offending at time he resigned in March 1995	1995 complaint by victim	No. Offending not known and he was not a teacher
R Browne Chaplain	1980s- 2000s	M Wilton, D MacLean/ DF Cotter, J Potter and DS Firth	2006 for non- criminal activity	Made to resign in March 2006	By others in 2019	Yes
GRO-C-3	GRO-C	D MacLean/ DS Firth	Immediately	Dismissed immediately	Immediately	Not applicable

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R McIntosh. Teacher/Housemaster. 1974-1979. M Wilton/DF Cotter. December 1979. Made to resign. No. Not criminal abuse. No, didn't exist then.

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GRO-C-3 **GRO-C** D MacLean/DS Firth. Immediately. Dismissed immediately. Immediately. Not applicable.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

1. We unreservedly support the apologies to the victims and the redress programme.
2. No known abuser was ever permitted to remain on staff.
3. There was never any sinister cover-up within the school as alleged.
4. Throughout the whole of the approximately 40 plus year period only one known sexual abuser was not immediately reported to the police at the time. That was in **GRO-C** in the case of **GRO-C-1** for the reasons given in Derek Firth's evidence.
5. Under Headmaster Peter Parr there was only one reported substantiated case of sexual abuse (and the only one known to trustees) (**GRO-C-1**) who was made to resign. Victims were identified and followed up. Anglican church informed and involved. Later reported by others to police and prosecuted. Now deceased.
6. Under Headmaster Murray Wilton there were only two reported cases of sexual abuse (and the only two known to trustees) (**GRO-C-2** and **Wilson**) in 18 years. **GRO-C-2** was summarily dismissed. **Wilson** was made to resign, and the facts reported to police and Teaching Council. **Wilson's** accuser had left the school almost 20 years earlier and did not wish to have any further involvement other than advising us and (on our advice) reporting the facts to police. The allegations against **McIntosh** were for showering naked with boys in his Boarding House (1970s). Murray Wilton was assured by police, independent school colleagues and legal advisers in late 1979 that the police would not prosecute the case. The nature and extent of his offending was not revealed until 2019 or 2020. Now deceased. The **Wynyard** case was emphatically not abuse but an unhealthy attachment to a boy in his Boarding House. The nature and extent of his offending was not revealed until 2019. The **Cave** case is different in that the alleged abuse was supplying alcohol to minors. The boy and his parent did not wish to have the case reported to police; the police at that time would not have prosecuted the abuse (although possibly the supply of alcohol to minors) and no other complaints against **Cave** were made at the time. The nature and extent of his offending was not revealed until 2019.
7. Under Headmaster Donald MacLean there was only one reported substantiated case in 21 years (and the only one known to trustees). That was of sexual abuse by **GRO-C-3** who was summarily dismissed in **GRO-C** **Browne** was made to resign in March 2006 for inappropriately encouraging boys to masturbate in class and before any sexual abuse (involving direct physical contact) was known.
8. If, as requested by us on several occasions, we had been briefed immediately by the DTB advisers when the extent of abuse was first published, all of this evidence could have been made known to them by December 2019 or early 2020.
9. This would have enabled Dilworth to confidently rebut immediately the false statements to the media about cover-up and retaining known abusers.
10. As a result of refusing to comment, the current trustees have caused irreparable harm to many victims (by permitting their wrong assumptions to fester), to the Dilworth community and to the perception of the wider public.

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Murray Wilton

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Derek Firth