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Cainscross School Reply

THE Foundation Managers of Cainscross C. of E. School have issued the following statement in connection with the proposed disbanding of the Parent-Teacher Association:—

"The attention of the Foundation Managers of Cainscross Church of England School has been drawn to the reference to this School in last week's issue of your paper, and in particular to the allegations and comments purporting to have been made at a meeting of the Stroud Urban District Council.

"The Foundation Managers would be obliged if you would publish this statement to offset the impression given to the public that the County Council and Urban District Council representatives were intentionally or otherwise excluded from any School Managers' meeting. The Managers' meeting, at which the decision to disband the Parent-Teacher Association was made, was convened on July 11, but the School Correspondent did not receive notice from Shire Hall, Gloucester, of the appointment of the new County Council representative until July 25, and of the new Urban District Council representative until August 6. The Managers were, therefore, not in a position to invite these representatives to the meeting on July 11.

"There is, however, something more to be said, namely, that whilst the School Managers received a letter of resignation from Mr. H. Elford, the former Urban District Council representative on the Board of Managers, no such communication was received from Mr. Glover and in view of this a notice of meeting on July 11 was sent by the School Correspondent to Mr. Glover in the customary way. Mr. Glover naturally did not attend the meeting since he was not in office, but the fact that he was invited completely quashes the allegation that the Foundation Managers wished to exclude the County Council's or any other representative from this meeting.

"Furthermore, the dates mentioned above should dispose of the assumption that there is any weakness in the Managers' and the School Correspondent's conduct of their business. It may be true that certain weaknesses have been revealed, but not from the School Managers side. The School Managers know nothing of either County Council or Urban District Council affairs, and in the matter of the appointment of the two non-Foundation Managers they are dependant upon information from Shire Hall, Gloucester.

"A completely false impression has been given to the public by the repeated comments of certain members of the Stroud Urban District Council in regard to the management of this Church-controlled School, and not for the first time. It may not be expected that Council members should know the rights and privileges that belong to the Foundation Managers of such a School, but the Foundation Managers find it difficult to understand how any responsible councillor can make comment without first ascertaining if that comment has any substance or truth about it."