



13 March 2020

Dear Old Blues,

The School has been advised by Sussex Police that a former teacher has appeared at Crawley Magistrates Court charged with offences against a former pupil. The full police statement is below:

Peter Webb, 77, was served with a summons to appear at Crawley Magistrates' Court at 2pm on 13 March 2020, charged with three counts of indecent assault on a boy then aged 12 at Christ's Hospital School near Horsham, while Webb was a teacher there and the boy was a pupil there. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded to appear at Lewes Crown Court on 9 April.

The prosecution, authorised by the CPS, follows an investigation by detectives from the Sussex Police Complex Abuse Unit following a report received for the first time in August 2019.

As criminal proceedings are active, we are unable to share any further information at this time. Christ's Hospital is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and continues to provide its full support to the police in their investigations. We continue to encourage anyone who has been a victim of abuse to come forward.

A report can be made in a number of ways:

- Our dedicated email address – safeguarding@christs-hospital.org.uk – which is staffed by a small team of specialists who can respond to your concerns or pass them on to the relevant authorities. All approaches will be dealt with sympathetically and in complete confidence.
- Sussex police can be reached on 01273 470101.
- There are a number of organisations providing support for victims of child sexual abuse including NAPAC (the National Association of People Abused in Childhood) on 0808 801 0331 and the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

Kind regards,

Simon Reid
Head Teacher

Christopher Steane
Treasurer and Chairman of the Council