

Witness Name: Mark Rigby

First Statement dated: 16/12/2025

THE SOUTHPORT INQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF MARK RIGBY

I, MARK RIGBY, will say as follows: -

1. I have provided this statement to the Inquiry in order to clarify a matter which arises from the evidence provided by Cheryl Lyn Smith to the Inquiry on 23rd October 2025.
2. I no longer work at Presfield School and have had no previous involvement with the Public Inquiry.
3. On 15th December 2025 I was contacted by the solicitor representing Presfield School and asked to clarify a matter regarding CPOMS.
4. When a document is uploaded to CPOMS the system records the identity of the person making that entry/upload.
5. On 23rd October when questioned by Counsel to The Inquiry, Mr Boyle, (Transcript page 232 lines 9 to 14) Ms Smith confirmed that she had uploaded the Risk Assessment provided by Acorns School and given to her by Hayley Dawson to CPOMS.
6. The response provided to Mr Boyle was incorrect. I have been informed that the upload was performed using my CPOMS credentials and I have no doubt therefore that I uploaded the document.

7. I have been provided with sight of the relevant CPOMS entry and can confirm that the entry is one that I made.
8. I have no recollection of the event and cannot recall the document concerned

Dated this 16th day of December 2025

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed **Signature**
Mark Rigby (Dec 16, 2025 17:32:44 GMT)

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