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Dear Mr. Cosh,

Thank you for your letter of 21.01.00.

I think the increased emphases on work related experience will be helpful in meeting Lewis' educational requirements. In discussion of the proposals with Lewis, he certainly seemed more disposed to attend for that kind of provision. We will, of course, have to monitor attendance and progress.

It is, of course, the responsibility of the school to carry out an educational assessment with respect to seeking special examination arrangements. I assume you will have relevant data. To assist you in the process of consideration and to provide you with an opinion, I did some work with Lewis.

(a) In terms of general cognitive, Lewis' performance was below average.

Raven's Matrices : between 10 - 25th percentile
WISC Vocabulary : scaled score 4

(b) Lewis is essentially literate

WORD - Basic Reading age equivalent : 9 yrs.
- Spelling : 7.9 yrs
- Comprehension : 8.9 yrs

His pattern of errors was very regular, not indicative of a special learning difficulty.

© In numeracy Lewis is performing at a similar level.

WOND - Mathematics Reasoning age equivalent : 9.6 yrs
- Numerical Operations age equivalent : 8.6 yrs.

Again the pattern of errors was quite predictable and indicative of a pupil who had known rules and concepts but had lost some through lack of use.

The assessment suggests that Lewis does not experience specific learning difficulties. Rather his pattern of achievement is more explainable in terms of a young man of limited ability who has not applied himself regularly and consistently to curricular opportunities in school/s. As a result, I do not think Kibble School can validly seek special examination arrangements for Lewis.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Mackie', with a stylized, flowing script.

Alan Mackie
Principal Psychologist

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