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Devon County Council and the Christian Institute are pleased to announce that School Receptionist from Crediton, Devon, Mrs Jennie Cain, and the Local Authority have negotiated a settlement in relation to Mrs Cain's claims of religious discrimination. She will receive an undisclosed payment. All parties recognise that it is in the best interests of the children, staff and governors of the school to have resolved the matter.

The parties have agreed to disagree as to whether Mrs Cain has been discriminated against on the grounds of her religion by either staff at the school or the Local Authority.

All parties jointly acknowledge that all faiths, including Christianity, must be treated equally and with sensitivity. All parties also recognise the freedom of individuals to hold, talk and write about their beliefs.

The Chair of the Governing Body, David Smith said "Mrs Cain has undertaken her role as the receptionist at the school very well. We are drawing a line under this matter. As a result the school and the Head Teacher will be able to concentrate all their attention on providing the best possible learning environment for the children in our community. Landscore Primary School was rated by OFSTED as good with outstanding features and we can now concentrate fully on making Landscore a truly outstanding school."

Mrs Cain said "I am pleased that this matter has been resolved. We all agree that Christians should be treated with the same sensitivity and respect that is shown to people of all faiths and none. My family and I look forward to getting on with our lives and putting this matter behind us".

The Christian Institute has supported Mrs Jennie Cain throughout her case and is pleased that this dispute has now been resolved. The Local Authority has supported the school, its staff and governors throughout this case and is pleased, for the sake of all concerned, that this dispute has now been resolved.