

# Teacher had sex with pupil

## Man 'preyed' on girl's vulnerabilities

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Mr Brown admitted the allegations and agreed they amounted to unacceptable professional conduct in a statement in February but failed to attend a hearing earlier this month.

The pupil's mother said she found messages on her daughter's iPhone which contained messages from Mr Brown which included references to the great effect drugs could have during sex.

She also found on her daughter's laptop a large volume of text messages dating back to February 2015.

The parent said the messages started off "innocuous".

But Mr Brown appeared to "prey on her vulnerabilities" and they quickly escalated into flirtatious chat.

By the summer Mr Brown

**quote**

**"AFTER the school investigation and disciplinary hearing, Mr Brown's contract was terminated. The Disclosure and Barring Service was also notified.**

**"The school takes safeguarding matters extremely seriously.**

**"Its senior designated safeguarding officers work closely with staff to remind them of their responsibilities."**

**A Worth School spokesman**

had sent naked pictures.

She said the texts were "extremely explicit" and Mr Brown would text the girl asking her to switch to the "safer" option of WhatsApp.

Before their relationship took on a sexual nature, Mr Brown gave the pupil free singing lessons, a part-time job and bought her an iPhone.

The panel said his behaviour did not affect his teaching but there was clear evidence his conduct led to the pupil being influenced in a harmful way.

Decision maker Jayne Millions said the panel found he abused his position as a teacher and the trust built up with the pupil to behave in an inappropriate manner; resulting in him engaging in sexual activity with her.

He had not shown sufficient insight or remorse for his actions or the impact they have had upon the individuals involved.

A Worth School spokesman issued a statement after the decision.

He said: "When the allegations were brought to our attention, he was suspended immediately and the local authority designated officer for safeguarding and the police were alerted.

"The school takes safeguarding matters extremely seriously."



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