The document **under scrutiny** is the preface which is some **background information** about the James Bulger case. The author comes back on the **aftermath** of the trial. He explains what both murderers became.

A psychiatrist was taking care of Venables and the young lad **was said to have made progress** in terms of personal development and **behavior**. Red bank’s medical staff **witnessed** Venables’ kindness and good **demeanor**. **He was seen** as an example for the other **disruptive** teenagers. This **fitted** the widely spread thought which **used to consider** Thompson as the more **thuggish** and leader of the two. People **used to think** that Venables was the one who **had been led astray**.

However, it’s totally the **other way round** and Jon was the sneakiest of the pair. In 2001, Jon was not considered as a danger **nor** a threat anymore. **This being said**, he would feel guilty all his life and the thought would **eat him up**. The **shrinks** found out that Thompson **had been abused** in his childhood. **He had trouble turning the leaf** and was still struggling with his violent and **tormented** past. **He might have been beaten up** by his parents.

**Anyway**, in 2001 they **were released** and sent to semi-independent flats. The Government also **set up** a program for them.

Everything went good for Thompson and we **have never heard** from him again. However, things were more complicated for Venables’ **reinsertion**. Actually, he was sent back to prison and given a new identity again.

To conclude, we’ll never know what happened and what crossed their minds during the murder of little James. Both boys, may have been victim of child abuse earlier in their life. Investigation still continues today.