

Baker Stephen Paul

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Sent: 27 March 2023 15:23
To: Cheryl Smith
Subject: RE: OMG sorry

You're very welcome 😊

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Sent: 27 March 2023 14:05
To: Baker Stephen Paul <Stephen.Baker@merseyside.police.uk>
Subject: Re: OMG sorry

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Steve,
You won't believe this !!! Axel has arrived in school - if I'd known you had magic powers I'd have interrupted your important meeting months ago ! 🍷

On Mon, 27 Mar 2023 at 09:15, Cheryl Smith <csmith@presfieldschool.org> wrote:

Police meeting and I'm ringing up....

So what it is :-

Axel Rudakubana DOB 07.08.2006 - last seen by us a year ago and became a non attender. We have done many home visits but Axel has mental health needs and Dad says 'they will pay the price' when we have gone and so they will not let us in or even bring him to the window (the blinds are always down). Parents are originally from Somalia but both speak English, both work - Mother nights and sleeps in the day , Father taxi driver. Axel lives in Banks - so is a Lancashire child attending a Sefton School.

20/3/23 - DSL asked Sefton's attendance and welfare team to go to the home. Angela Maguire attended. Axel's mother made a complaint that she did not feel the welfare visit was warranted and refused for Axel to be seen.

21/3/23 - DSL emailed Lancashire's missing team - they replied that 'given that Axel is no longer of compulsory school age (within CME's remit) and is currently on school roll, there really isn't a role for us to play or advice we can give unfortunately. '

21/03/23 - DSL rang Lancashire police on '101' to request a police welfare call . Collar number 11097 concluded that 'Axel does not meet the threshold for a police welfare call and police will not be attending. '

21/3/23 - DSL referred into Lancashire social care for Axel. Ref number [REDACTED] DPA . Social worker - Janet Fazakerley replied that 'I have tried to call parents twice but no answer, I will write to them and invite them to call us if support is needed. The case will close, we cannot override consent at this time.'

So now Tony has asked would you go out with me and see if we can see Axel together and if not we will then have to escalate it within Lancashire council. I wasn't sure you could as he lives in Lancashire and I rang Lancashire police but he doesn't meet threshold. But I said I would ask you,

Thanks Steve,

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