

Re: Axel Withdrawal in Period 5 by Ms Talbot

From: Alphonse Rudakubana <[REDACTED] DPA >

To: dc@range.sefton.sch.uk

Date: Friday, 14 June 2019, 11:17 BST

Dear Mr Creegen,

Thank you for your reply.
Alphonse

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From: Alphonse Rudakubana [DPA]

To: [DPA]

Date: Saturday, 15 June 2019, 10:07 BST

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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Re: Axel

From: Alphonse Rudakubana [redacted] DPA

To: jt@range.sefton.sch.uk

Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019, 16:52 BST

Dear Miss Talbot,

Thank you for your email regarding Axel's withdrawal on Thursday 13/06/19.

However Axel's account is different. Axel told me that he didn't burst out laughing. It was a very quiet suppressed laugh. The reason why I am speaking to you is not because of Axel's past behaviour, because it is irrelevant if it is not in the same day but because of you giving him a withdrawal for laughing, and I still do not think this is fair.

In the context of what happened on that day, even from your explanation, a withdrawal was a heavy-handed punishment.

We speak to Axel on his education and punishments often and will continue to do so. Please continue to help us in making Axel's learning a good experience and we appreciate the work that you do.

Kind regards,

Alphonse

On Wed, 19 Jun 2019 at 5:19 pm, Talbot, J
<jt@range.sefton.sch.uk> wrote:

Mr Rudakubana

This is Miss Talbot - Axel's English teacher. I believe that you contacted Mr Cregeen as regards Axel's withdrawal. To explain, this was because a student happened to ask me if I was OK in relation to a theft. Axel decided this was extremely funny and burst out laughing. I deem this to be completely inappropriate to laugh at someone else's misfortune.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time in recent months where I have had to give Axel warnings and/or detentions about his behaviour/attitude/inappropriate comments or contributions to class discussions. Axel has not performed well in English this year. He has been secure on all his assessments and I will be recommending that he is moved down sets. I have spoke to Axel on numerous occasions. He will behave for one lesson and then the next is completely the same. I have also has to speak to him about homework and his organisation.

Hopefully you can address this with Axel at home and impress upon him the importance of good behaviour and focus in lessons.

Kind Regards
Miss Talbot

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Re: Fw: Detention upscaling for Axel Rudakubana

From: Cregeen, D (dc@range.sefton.sch.uk)

To: [redacted] DPA

Date: Monday, 24 June 2019, 17:39 BST

Dear Mr Rudakubana,

I removed this detention on Friday after Axel spoke to me. I will remove the HTDT from the system now.

I am waiting for Y8 reports to be collated and will try to send yours before the other Y8 pupils receive theirs so that we can discuss Axel's progress.

Kind regards,

Mr Cregeen

On Mon, 24 Jun 2019 at 16:36, [redacted] DPA > wrote:

Dear Mr Creegen,

That detention that Axel saw you about by Ms Brown has been upscaled to the HT detention now. When we left on Friday we were under the impression that no further detention pertaining to the same matter was pending. I even asked Axel today (Monday) but was told that as far as he knew, the matter was closed.

Please note that two lunch time detentions (from 2 teachers) were issued on Wednesday last week to be served on Thursday. Axel did one on Thursday and another on Friday. In the meantime Ms Brown is upscaling it every school day.

Please Mr Creegen could you solve this matter and if Ms Brown is not persuaded, could you please inform Axel of the outcome. These sorts of detention issues are having a toll on all of us at home. When Axel is given an after-school detention his brother Dion, who's is in the wheelchair has to serve it as well in the car at school because we live 40 minutes drive away from the school. Generally speaking and assuming this matter is solved, Axel's after-school detentions are not fair on Dion and should be replaced by two lunch time ones to mitigate the problem.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks.

Alphonse

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From: "Class Charts" <donotreply@classcharts.com>

To: "Axel Rudakubana" [redacted] DPA

Cc:

Sent: Mon, 24 Jun 2019 at 4:05 pm

Subject: Detention upscaling for Axel Rudakubana

Dear **Axel Rudakubana**

A detention has been upscaled for Axel Rudakubana and the new detention details are:

- > Type: Headteacher Detention
- > Date: 28/6/2019
- > Time: 15:35
- > Location: 65

Re: Axel Rudakubana

From: Alexander, V (va@range.sefton.sch.uk)

To: [REDACTED] DPA

Date: Friday, 14 June 2019, 12:31 BST

Dear Mr Rudakubana,

The screening questionnaire has been sent out to staff but as yet I have not received all the forms back.

Kind regards

Vicky Alexander

On Fri, 14 Jun 2019 at 11:53 [REDACTED] DPA > wrote:

Dear Mrs Alexander,

I would like to request an update on Axel's ADHD screening.

Thanks you.

Kind regards,

Alphonse

On Mon, 3 Jun 2019 at 7:30 pm, V Alexander

<va@range.sefton.sch.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Rudakubana ,

We have an ADHD screener , just to be clear are you thinking ADHD or ASC ?

I can send the questionnaire out to teachers next week.

Kind regards

Vicky Alexander

On 3 June 2019, at 16:42 [REDACTED] DPA wrote:

Dear Mrs Alexander,

Our younger son, Axel Rudakubana in year 8 has been having behavioural and educational difficulties including anxieties for quite sometime now.

He strongly thinks his difficulties in focussing and fidgeting are consistent with ADHD and he is insisting that we do something about it.

Therefore, we needed the school's help. We were wondering if the SEN could speak to Axel's teachers to find out their experiences with him and conduct an assessment with him for his Pathway referral to CAMHS.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

Alphonse Rudakubana

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Re: Dion

From: [redacted] DPA

To: va@range.sefton.sch.uk

Date: Thursday, 19 September 2019, 14:17 BST

Dear Mrs Alexander,

Thank you for your email. Can we meet today at end of school please!

Axel was supposed to do a lunchtime detention. He he said that the standard is that the form tutor confirms/ remind the students. He must have missed the detention or forgot to attend at lunchtime because I received a class chart notice that the detention has been upscaled to the after-school, meaning Dion is going to wait for 1 more hour. It is a problem because he might need to use the toilet and he is going to be stuck in the car waiting for Axel. The other possibility is for Axel to do 30 minutes, that would help Dion get home quicker.

Kind regards,

Alphonse

On Wed, 18 Sep 2019 at 11:10 pm, V Alexander
<va@range.sefton.sch.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Rudakubana ,

Thank you for your e.mail .

No, I was not aware that Dion was struggling with his TA .
Please speak to me tomorrow or Monday when I can provide you with more detailed information.

Kind regards

Vicky Alexander

On 18 September 2019, at 19:03, [redacted] DPA wrote:

Dear Mrs Alexander,

Dion is saying that his new TA struggles to understand him and they are becoming unable to complete tasks, having to spell to her, etc. Dion said to me not to tell you as the TA is temporary (2weeks apparently) but as parents, we prefer to say it now in case you are having an impression that all is going well or she becomes long term.

Because this year is the GCSE year for Dion, he will require a TA that they will work well together to achieve his potential.

We will keep you informed.

Many thanks,

Alphonse

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Re: Homework Detention

From: [redacted] DPA

To: jrg@range.sefton.sch.uk

Date: Monday, 23 September 2019, 09:47 BST

Dear Miss Griffiths,

Thank you.

I received two class chart notice that you cancelled the detentions and I told him. Hence he is not aware that yours are still on. Please let him know because it has been confusing.

Thank you.

Alphonse

On Sat, 21 Sep 2019 at 9:08 am, J Griffiths
<jrg@range.sefton.sch.uk> wrote:

Apologies for the confusion but I have not cancelled any detentions. Axel is yet to hand in any homework despite numerous extensions. He should check Class Charts to confirm when the detention will take place.

I will take into consideration everything in your previous email in future. I hope that Axel can get back on track with his homework and has a good, successful year 9.

Thanks,
Miss Griffiths

On 20 Sep 2019, at 18:35, [redacted] DPA wrote:

Dear Miss Griffiths,

Thank you very much for your email and cancelling the detentions in question.

Axel feels that he has ADHD and although it is not a diagnosis he has been given, we agree that there is some sort of disorder in that direction. We are waiting for the referrals to go through. At the same time, he attends counseling to help him deal with anxieties. We know, for example, that he does things quickly to get them out of the way and miss out the details and he does not deal well with stressful situations.

Whilst awaiting a full diagnosis, we would be grateful if you could continue to be understanding and to go out of your way and explain a little bit more. He struggles in social situations like groups to the point that he misses lunches to avoid being seen eating! If you were to punish him according to the rules, Axel might pick up a detention at every lesson for mild mischiefs. And multiple detentions themselves could make things worse for him confidence-wise.

I know Axel means well and is a good boy who needs a bit more help. He has improved since starting year 9 education-wise generally. We are encouraging him to continue to improve and we are working hard with him on how to deal with stressful situations.

Have a very good weekend.

Many thanks,

Alphonse

On Fri, 20 Sep 2019 at 4:50 pm, Griffiths, J
<jrg@range.sefton.sch.uk> wrote:

Dear Mr Rudakubana

Many thanks for your email. I have spoken to Axel today and he explained what happened after school yesterday. He was asked to hand in the homework at lunchtime yesterday after not being able to produce during the lesson. When I asked to see Axel's homework today however it was incomplete. I have explained to him that his detention is a result of him not listening to instructions carefully and so then he fails to complete tasks. I did give Axel another extension on his homework but he has also failed to hand this in by the end of school today. I have told Axel on multiple occasions that if he cannot find me his homework should be left on my desk. I am becoming increasingly concerned that Axel does not listen to instructions being given to him and the rest of the class or he is getting confused by the instructions and so he is getting into trouble as a result. Furthermore during our lesson yesterday Axel took it upon himself to pack his things away before the end of the lesson while the rest of the class were still working. Axel should be checking Class Charts to find out about detentions if he is unsure. There will have been a list in the register this mornign reminding Axel of his detention today at lunchtime. I originally gave Axel a lunchtime detention due to not handing in his homework. However if Axel does not attend this then it will be up-scaled automatically to an after school detention on the next Tuesday or Thursday, whichever is showing on Class Charts. According to what I can see on Class Charts, Axel did not attend his lunchtime detention today and so it has been upscaled not by myself personally but as a result of his absence in detention at lunchtime. I'm sure Axel is aware of the rules surrounding detentions but I will ensure that I re-explain this to him when I see him next week.

I hope that this clarifies everything that you mentioned in your email.

Kind regards,
Miss Griffiths

On Fri, 20 Sep 2019 at 14:06; [redacted] DPA > wrote:

Dear Miss Griffiths,

I am Axel's dad. He wrote to you yesterday regarding a detention that you had issued to him. When he wrote you the email (forwarded below), he was convinced that he was given a chance to resubmit the homework yesterday without punishment. He was searching for you as soon as he completed the homework. We even (Dion and I) waited for him yesterday evening when he went back to look for you in other rooms when I mentioned that I received a detention notice for him.

I don't know what happened today regarding the matter but I was a witness to his attempts to resolve the matter yesterday. Axel is also convinced that if his form tutor has not added his name on detention list, it means there is no detention for him - that is the school rule apparently. Could you please clarify this with him. If there is a list that those on detention should find themselves on, then he has a point for being confused - If the morning tutor list does not mean anything, it should not be there at all.

Miss Griffiths, I have another dilemma:

I wanted to bring to your attention that after school detentions affect his big brother Dion, who is in the wheelchair. When Dion is waiting for Axel for an hour, he might want to go to the toilet for example, which is tricky in school and going back in the wheelchair is another difficulty (I get a very short notice around two minutes to get him to the toilet). Because we live 45 minutes drive away, it is not practical or fair for Dion to be adversely affected by Axel's punishments in staying for an hour at the end of school.

I humbly request that you consider Dion when Axel's original punishment was at lunchtime.

Please let me know of your decision on the upscaling of the above detention. Please read it on Class Chart (it mentions Thursday and we are on Friday). Also no date for detention mentioned! Which Thursday? If you meant for him to stay in detention after-school today, then please consider my email as urgent. You can contact me on [redacted] DPA

Re: Axel

From: Cregeen, D (dc@range.sefton.sch.uk)

To: [REDACTED]

Date: Saturday, 5 October 2019, 12:20 BST

Dear Mr Rudakubana,

I forwarded your concern regarding [REDACTED] to Sefton House. Once I receive a reply I will contact you.

In the meantime I would like to draw your attention to a concern regarding Axel I have recently been made aware of. Apparently, Axel made words to the effect of, "that's why teachers get murdered" when issued with a detention. I will investigate this next week and contact you as such comments are obviously very concerning.

Kind regards

Mr Cregeen

On Thursday, 3 October 2019, [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Mr Cregeen,

I am writing in relation to Axel. He told us that the student [REDACTED] who threatens him did it again yesterday. Although Axel feels that it is normal, we feel that it is not.

We were wondering if it would be possible for you to have a word with [REDACTED]. Perhaps, there may be underlying problems that cause him to hate Axel and make threats to him. Either way, Axel needs to feel safe at school and we need your help towards that goal.

I would be grateful if you could let me know once steps have been taken.

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Re: Axel's Consent

From: Cregeen, D (dc@range.sefton.sch.uk)

To: [REDACTED] DPA

Date: Wednesday, 9 October 2019, 17:12 BST

Thank you, Mr Rudakubana.

I will make this tomorrow.

Best wishes,

Mr Cregeen

On Wed, 9 Oct 2019 at 17:04, [REDACTED] DPA wrote:

Dear Mr Cregeen,

I would like to confirm that Axel has consented to his referral to CAMHS by the school. You have my consent as well.

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Re: Axel Rudakubana Log LC-20191007-1383

From: McNamee, Alexander (alexander.mcnamee@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

To: DPA

Date: Monday, 28 October 2019, 15:52 GMT

Mr. Rudakubana,

Thank you very much for your email.

Unfortunately, I am not in a position to be able to attend the school with you and certainly not as an advocate for Axel.

Axel admitted to committing a criminal offence multiple times - carrying a knife at school. When talking to him he said several times to us that he would have used it on the male in question due to "bullying". This is completely unacceptable.

Whilst I understand the extreme pressure young people can be put under at school - often exacerbated by bullying - this kind of response presents a risk of horrific escalation and quite frankly, though Axel admitted to doing it, he did not seem to fully understand the possible repercussions, nor show any remorse.

As I'm sure you can understand, both the Police and the school take such behaviour very seriously. It is now up to the school safeguarding team to measure the risk.

My colleagues and I have put in the necessary referrals and Axel will hopefully be supported going forward.

Good luck and thanks again,

Alex.

PC 4658
Team 4 IR
Skelmersdale Police Station

From: [Redacted] >
Sent: 28 October 2019 09:48:27
To: McNamee, Alexander
Subject: Axel Rudakubana Log LC-20191007-1383

Dear Mr McNamee,

I am writing to you regarding Range High's governing board's meeting to decide Axel's permanent exclusion from the school.

The meeting is scheduled for the 5th November 2019 at 9.30am.

We would like you to be there with us. In all of what unfolded since Axel asked for help from the Child Line, it seems to us he has become a victim again.

As the logic can tell, Axel is knew that what he was doing was wrong but he also knew that the school was relaxed about fightings, intimidation - a really gang culture among students in the school. One must be terrified to carry a weapon knowing that it is extremely dangerous. However, he deserves credit to have reported himself to carry a knife. And with it a second chance to stay at the school if he wishes to. He is a good boy. I know him.

The childline have reported him and not provided a follow-up as far as we know. The police informed the school and the school, which is responsible for this bullying culture in our view as parents, has taken the shortcut option of punishing the victim - to expel Axel permanently. The school was informed on 7th October and the Headteacher expelled him permanently on 9th October - a quick reaction in our view.

Now the gorvenors are meeting to uphold the decision of the Headteacher, or reinstate Axel, we would like to invite you to be present at this meeting. We understand that you have a busy schedule but we desperately feel that your presence will bring about a positive change at Range.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Alphonse Rudakubana

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