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From: Alphonse Rudakubana <alphonse.rudakubana@lancashire.gov.uk> [DPA]
Date: Wed, 20 Mar 2024 at 12:27
Subject: Re: mailencrypt A Rudakubana EHCP
To: <Angela.Wilson2@lancashire.gov.uk> [DPA]
Elizabeth Walker <elizabeth.walker@lancashire.gov.uk>, Nikki Trayman <nikki.trayman@lancashire.gov.uk>
Cc: office@presfieldschool.org <office@presfieldschool.org>, Jessica Hyett <jessica.hyett@lancashire.gov.uk>

Dear Angela,

Thank you for the email of the Lancashire Local Authority's Inclusion Team's final decision letter about Axel's fate and the fate of his EHCP.

We would like to reiterate our position as Axel's loving and caring parents.

Axel should stay on Presfield roll/register until the end of this academic year and his EHCP should stay live until his 19th birthday. I hope you understand our limitations since Axel was placed in Presfield by Lancashire LA'S Inclusion alone, therefore, our recommendations are advisory in nature.

Axel has said that he has plans including starting his own business when he turns 18 years old. However, like everything else he said about his education that he did not follow through, we would have to wait and see if this time things will be different, bearing in mind that he is growing and changing, and that things can only get easier for him. We think everyone here knows that a human brain completes its growth at the age of 25 years – hence the EHCP's upper age limit of 25 years.

Here we need to differentiate being in education and attending at school. Axel, now having a place in Presfield, should officially stay on the School's register to stay in education until the end of this school year 2023/2024. His physical place can be given to someone else if needs be.

When the Inclusion makes decisions about Axel, it seems to us that they assume Axel is not autistic, they assume that his decisions alone can be relied on. As his parents, we disagree with

this assertion. Autism affects Axel decision making completely and, this alone, justifies irrational decisions that he makes, therefore, we must be consulted and heard and our views must override what Axel says regarding his EHCP and his place in Presfield.

Therefore, we ask that Axel's name stay on Presfield register until the end of this school year to preserve his status in DWP for tax and benefits purposes, especially that one parent needs to be with Axel at all times and any change in his education status will affect the whole family financially immediately as recipients of Universal Credit and all the employment chaos that will ensue for him. Beside, who REALLY knows, maybe he can change his mind and return to Presfield within this school year. Either way, it is in Axel's best interests to remain on Presfield's register for the rest of this school year. Demanding that his EHCP remain live until his 19th birthday is precautionary and hinges upon him staying on roll/register at Presfield Sixth Form until the end of this school year. Please give more consideration to what we, his parents, are advising.

We would like to finish by saying that you need to meet again for a final consideration, this time, taking into account the mitigating circumstances that Axel's autism is too severe that we, his parents, are best placed to know better than Axel himself, Presfield and Inclusion. His EHCP must stay live and his place at Presfield preserved until the end of this school year.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

Alphonse Rudakubana and Laetitia Muzayire (Axel's parents)

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