

Subject: RE: Axel Rudakubana DOB 07.08.2006 (DPA)
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Good morning,

Thank you for your email. 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.

Having looked at Axel's case though, I see he has an EHCP so is under our Inclusion Team and has an allocated SEND case manager, both of who I have cc'd into this email so that they are aware of your concerns and you have their contact details in order to liaise with them going forward.

Kind regards,

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From: Cheryl Smith <csmith@presfieldschool.org>
Sent: 21 March 2023 09:38
To: Children Missing Education <cme@lancashire.gov.uk>
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Hello,

On Wednesday 1st February 2023 you sent us this message following our referral into Lancashire Council CME team.

Thank you for your referral to Lancashire County Council Children Missing Education (CME) Team in respect of the above named pupil, however it appears that this is not currently a CME case and is not an Lancashire County Council case.

The remit of the CME team is to identify children in the area who are not in provision and to track the whereabouts of children leaving the area where no new school has been identified.

According to the referral, although they live in Lancashire, they are not CME as the child is on roll at your school.

As this appears to be an attendance issue, you should follow your own school/LA procedures to address this matter.

Your local authority should be able to provide you with guidance and information regarding appropriate attendance strategies for this pupil.

We followed your advice and have continued to attempt to engage with Axel, school staff have been going to the home to collect him and bring him to college (at pre-arranged times) but when we get there we are told by parents he won't come out. We have spoken with parents on the doorstep. They have refused to let us see or speak to Axel citing his mental health needs as the barrier. A professional from CAMHS saw Axel in January 2023. Axel last attended college on 25th May 2022. We have attempted many home visits since this date and have never been able to see him.

Yesterday Sefton Council's school attendance team went to complete a welfare check on Axel. Below is their response .This has also been sent to Liz Walker and Sharon Rowland at Lancashire SEN staff by our headteacher Tony Fay.

"Angela Maguire has visited and met mum who it was reported aired her annoyance and confusion over our involvement.

On explaining it was a welfare visit, Angela was greeted with a complaint from mum who it was said saw no reason for the visit and she flatly refused for Angela to see Axel.

Discussion was brief given Angela's case information knowledge, and she could only accept mum's complaint informing her that she will pass it on.

With this, as we can now evidence that we have exhausted everything to make contact and take sight of Axel, can you now contact Lancashire Police and request a welfare visit to the home.

Please share that the young person has not been seen for the time you have recorded.

Secondly can you also share again your concerns with Lancashire CME & SEN team. SEN ultimately have the responsibility to address the concerns as part of his plan."

Is there anything your team can do to assist us please?

Thanks

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