



KingsWay School

To be a Christian community of learning that nurtures young people towards their full potential as servant leaders in the Kingdom of God.

22 September 2023

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Dear Blake

Official information request regarding staff terminations and Education Council reporting

I refer to your official information request dated 11 September 2023 for information regarding school management or Board of Trustees response to allegations of misconduct.

Here is the response to your OIA request.

Q: Can you please provide information regarding if the school management or board of trustees (BOT) is aware of any misconduct by staff under part f since 01/01/2019, regardless if a report was made.

A: *We have decided to refuse your request under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA as we believe withholding is necessary to 'protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons'.*

Q: If so, did the school management or fulfil its obligation to "immediately report (this) to the council"

A: *We can provide assurance that the school board and management have always complied fully with the Education Council's reporting requirements and process when an issue is identified.*

Q: Is the school aware of any other misconduct categorized above taking place since the aforementioned date regardless of if a report was made? If so, how many instances is the school management or BOT aware of, when were they made aware of it, and under what section did each instance fall (categorized above) respective to each date the school was made aware of.

A: *We have decided to refuse your request under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA as we believe withholding is necessary to 'protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons'.*

If you want to discuss this, feel free to contact me.

Alternatively, you may take this up with the Ombudsman. <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/>

Yours sincerely

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