



Government of Bermuda
Ministry of Education
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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

For Written Response on 29th May, 2026

- 1. Will the Honourable Minister please state for this Honourable House the specific statutory provision(s) of the Education Act or any regulations relied upon to justify her intervention in a disciplinary matter at Port Royal Primary School?**

Answer:

The relevant statutory provisions are sections 5 and 7 of the Education Act 1996, read together with the Minister's general responsibility for the proper administration of public education.

Under section 5, the Department of Education assists the Minister in the discharge of her powers and duties, and the Department is subject to the general direction and control of the Minister. The Minister is therefore entitled to seek information, ask that established procedures be reviewed, and satisfy herself that matters involving student wellbeing, school discipline, and due process are being handled appropriately.

To the extent that the question seeks details of a specific student, staff member, or disciplinary matter, the Ministry will not place those details on the parliamentary record.

- 2. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House whether her intervention was issued as a formal directive, and if so, whether that directive was made in writing or recorded in any official Ministry file?**

Answer: The Minister's direction was communicated in writing by email and forms part of the Ministry's official record.

For clarity, the direction was administrative in nature. It concerned the review of the matter through established Ministry processes and did not remove the requirement for the relevant officials to act in accordance with applicable policies, procedures, and due process.

The Ministry will not disclose the contents of internal correspondence where doing so would reveal confidential information concerning a student, staff member, or human resource matter.



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- 3. Will the Honourable Minister please confirm for this Honourable House the established appeal process for student disciplinary matters was followed in this case, and if not, the basis on which it was set aside?**

Answer: It would be inappropriate to discuss the details of any specific student disciplinary matter in the parliamentary record.

What can be confirmed is that the matter was addressed through the established Ministry process, and that no student disciplinary appeal process was set aside by the Minister.

The Ministry will not provide further details that could identify, or tend to identify, a student, staff member, or confidential internal process.

Senator, The Hon. Crystal Caesar, JP
Minister of Education