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Anonymous complaint against the Rector of a State Secondary School for being rude towards Staff members and Students.

On 29th May 2023, this Office received an anonymous complaint against the Rector of a State Secondary School, alleging that the Rector was rude and was using foul language with the students and staff members. Moreover, the students of the school were not being given access to the school library during free periods.

In view of the nature of the allegations, the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology was requested to investigate into the matter. The Ministry subsequently reported that the case had been referred to the Zone Directorate for enquiry. The Rector was advised to review her leadership style, to adopt a Collegial approach and to practice an open-door policy. The students, the Staff and the Rector were encouraged to work conjointly.

As regard the denial of access to the School Library, this Office was informed that students have never been denied such access. As per established procedure at the school, students intending to use library facilities during their free periods need to seek prior approval from the School Management, in order to ensure space management within the library premises.

The Ministry of Education reassured this Office that the Directorate Zone has been requested to continue to monitor the situation with the school.