

The Chairperson,
Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights,

Respected Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally lodge a complaint against Sense Kaleidoscope School, located in Bengaluru, for repeatedly withholding access to basic academic records and updates regarding my minor son, Vyom, and for denying my role and rights as his legal guardian.

Background:

- I, Mr. Jayavardhan M. Shetty, am the biological father and natural legal guardian of my 9-year-old son, Vyom Yohan Shetty (Vyom).
- Vyom is currently enrolled at Sense Kaleidoscope (since June 2024)
- The school has since refused to share my child's academic or developmental records, despite no existing court order restricting my access.
- The school claims to be acting on a written instruction from the mother, stating that no information should be shared with me without her approval.

Legal Position:

Under Indian law, specifically the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890, and as reinforced by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, both parents are considered equal natural guardians in the absence of a court order. Denying a parent access to his child's information or educational development without legal justification is a violation of both parental rights and the child's right to a family environment under Section 3 of the JJ Act, which emphasizes:

- The best interest of the child, and
- The right to care and protection from both parents.

Harm to the Child:

The school's actions are:

- Facilitating parental alienation by allowing one parent to dominate all decision-making.
- Emotionally damaging to the child by cutting off access to the other parent.
- Contributing to a hostile, unsafe psychological environment for a minor who requires nurturing support from both guardians.

Request for Remedy:

I respectfully request your urgent intervention to:

1. Direct Sense Kaleidoscope to immediately share my child's academic and developmental records with me.
2. Issue instructions to the school to treat both parents as legal guardians, unless a court explicitly rules otherwise.

3. Initiate a review of the school's compliance with child protection standards and the Karnataka State Education Rules regarding transparency, guardianship, and neutral institutional behavior.
4. Prevent further psychological harm to the child by discouraging any practices that promote exclusion or alienation of either parent.

Below are the copies of email communications with the school as evidence of repeated non-cooperation. I have copied the school representatives as well in the same email.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent and sensitive matter. I remain available for any further information or hearing required to resolve this issue in the best interest of the child.

Sincerely,

Jayavardhan M. Shetty

Contact : 9449045790

On Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 10:05 AM Jayavardhan Shetty <jai.shetty@gmail.com> wrote:

Are you denying to share any documents with me ? Yes or No?

On Fri, Jun 6, 2025 at 9:58 AM Akshay Ram <akshay.ram@sensekaleidoscopes.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Jayavardhan,

We acknowledge the points you have raised and fully understand the sensitivity of the matter. However, given the existence of an active dispute between the parents, the school is not in a position to take sides or make determinations regarding custodial rights or access to information.

As an educational institution, our primary obligation is to act in the best interest of the child while maintaining neutrality in personal or legal matters involving parents. Until we receive clear directions through a mutually agreed legal arrangement, court order, or consent from both parents, we will not be able to share any further information or documents.

We sincerely request that the matter be resolved through appropriate legal or mediated channels, and we assure you that the school will fully cooperate in accordance with any binding direction we receive.

Warm Regards,

Akshay Ram | Admin | +91 9606185050

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From: Jayavardhan Shetty <jai.shetty@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 1:11 PM

To: Akshay Ram <akshay.ram@sensekaleidoscopes.org>

Cc: Admin SK <admin@sensekaleidoscopes.org>; Babu L <babu.l@sensekaleidoscopes.org>;

Niranjana Raj <niranjana.raj@sensekaleidoscopes.org>; Anand A <anand@sensekaleidoscopes.org>;

Sense Kaleidoscopes Ayathi Trust <contact@sensekaleidoscopes.org>; victoria D'souza

<vicky0117@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Clarification Regarding Vyom's School Engagement

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Dear SK Admin,

You have acknowledged my status as Vyom's legal guardian and claim to uphold neutrality, yet you propose to share only selective documents. This is inconsistent with both your stated position and your obligations under Indian law.

Vyom is a minor. Both parents are his legal custodians. As such, I am not a third party—I am a natural legal guardian. Your role as a school is that of a data processor, responsible for maintaining and protecting a child's information, not controlling access to it.

Under Section 3 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the principle of the child's best interest and the right to a family environment are paramount. Withholding critical information from a parent—without legal justification or a child protection order—may be a direct violation of this principle.

In this case, the mother has unilaterally blocked all forms of access to Vyom—direct and indirect. That alone provides sufficient legal justification for me to seek information directly from the school.

While you may not be in a position to assess the legal standing of either parent, as an institution responsible for children, you are expected to act in a socially, morally, ethically, and legally responsible manner.

I expect the requested documents to be shared without further delay. I will be proceeding with appropriate legal steps independently.

Regards,

Jayavardhan Shetty

On Thu, Jun 5, 2025 at 11:19 AM Akshay Ram <akshay.ram@sensekaleidoscopes.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Jayavardhan,

Thank you for your email. We acknowledge your concerns and reaffirm that Sense Kaleidoscopes is committed to upholding its responsibilities lawfully, ethically, and in a child-centric manner.

1. Legal Guardianship and Information Sharing

As you rightly noted, in the absence of a formal court order, both parents are considered natural guardians under Indian law. Our institutional policy reflects this, and we strive to ensure transparency with both parents wherever possible.

However, we have received a written request from Ms. Victoria Joslin Dsouza instructing us not to share any information regarding Vyom without her explicit consent, citing an ongoing legal matter and her position as primary custodian. While we do not have the authority to assess the legal standing of either parent, we are required to exercise caution until formal legal clarity is provided.

To maintain neutrality and ensure all communication remains transparent, we are including both parents in this email thread. We hope this prevents further back-and-forth and allows us to continue our work without administrative disruption.

2. Access to Documents

We are currently reviewing your request and will share the following documents with both parents within 7 to 10 working days, unless legally advised otherwise:

Vyom's signed admission form

Attendance records from curriculum orientation/training (as per available sign-in sheets)

Please note that internal teacher notes, informal observations, and communications involving interpretive or sensitive content will not be shared unless mutual legal consent is provided. This measure is in place to prevent any perception of bias or facilitation in matters of dispute.

3. Communication and Mediation

We acknowledge your clarification that you are not seeking mediation. Accordingly, we reiterate that Sense Kaleidoscopes will not act as a facilitator or intermediary between co-parents. Given the complex nature of the co-parenting situation, we urge both parents to manage all personal and legal matters independently of the school.

4. Legal Documentation

Should either party wish to establish specific rights or permissions regarding information access or decision-making, we request that formal legal documentation be submitted. This will enable us to act with legal clarity and avoid any missteps.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Our priority remains Vyom's well-being, and we hope to continue working in a stable and supportive manner for his development.

Warm regards,

Akshay Ram | Admin | +91 9606185050

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From: Jayavardhan Shetty <jai.shetty@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 8:55 AM

To: Admin SK <admin@sensekaleidoscopes.org>

Cc: Babu L <babu.l@sensekaleidoscopes.org>; Niranjana Raj <niranjana.raj@sensekaleidoscopes.org>; Anand A <anand@sensekaleidoscopes.org>

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Dear SK Admin,

I would like to place on record that you have not responded to my earlier email on request for documentation pertaining to my son Vyom. The lack of action on this specific request is concerning and raises further questions about your transparency.

From your previous communication, it appears that you are awaiting permission from Ms. Victoria Joslin Dsouza to act on a matter that concerns both legal guardians. Let me be absolutely clear: in the absence of a valid court order, both parents are natural legal guardians, and no school has the discretion to favour one parent's instruction over another. A letter or directive from one parent does not override my parental rights or legal standing.

Please do not misinterpret any of my prior communication as asking the school to mediate marital or custody-related matters. I have never requested such intervention, and it is inappropriate to frame your replies in that context. My sole focus has been, and remains, the welfare of my child and the school's ability to remain transparent, child-centric, and neutral.

Therefore, I request that you avoid vague generalizations and unrelated language and simply address the core issue at hand:

Kindly provide the documents I have previously requested, including (but not limited to):

- Vyom's admission form and any written consent documents
- Orientation or curriculum training attendance records and sign-in sheets
- Academic or behavioral reports
- Any internal records pertaining to communication or decisions involving both parents

If there is any reason you are unable to provide these documents, please state so explicitly and in writing with a legal justification. Do not confuse instructions from a parent with a court-issued directive. If your institution is relying solely on a parent's letter to restrict access or information to the other legal guardian, you may be acting in violation of parental rights and failing in your duty of care to the child.

I request your cooperation in resolving this matter promptly and professionally.

On Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 2:09 AM Jayavardhan Shetty <jai.shetty@gmail.com> wrote:

Request you to share

1. Documents that you claim have my consent for admission of Vyom to SK
2. Letter from the mother instructing SK to withhold information from me.

Regards,

Jayavardhan Shetty

On Tue, Jun 3, 2025 at 8:56 PM Admin SK <admin@sensekaleidoscopes.org> wrote:

Dear Mr. Jayavardhan,

Thank you for your response. We appreciate your engagement and understand your concerns regarding Vyom's educational environment and communication protocols.

At Sense Kaleidoscopes, we remain fully committed to ensuring a nurturing, inclusive, and neuro-affirmative learning environment for every student. As part of this commitment, we strive to maintain transparency and act in the best interest of the child while operating within the boundaries of legal and ethical conduct.

We would like to clarify the following points for mutual understanding and continued collaboration:

1. Administration of Communication Channels:

Our WhatsApp groups are managed solely by designated SK staff. Admin rights are not extended to parents, and we have verified internally that no removal of members is possible by any non-administrator. It was noted that you had exited the group voluntarily, which may have contributed to the communication gap. We take no action to exclude either parent without formal legal documentation as a practice. We understand and respect your preference to receive updates via email. However, our daily operational communication—including time-sensitive matters—is conducted via WhatsApp, which remains the most practical tool for our on-floor educators who work intensively with students throughout the day.

2. School's Position on Impartiality:

We reiterate that Sense Kaleidoscopes does not base admissions or internal decisions on personal relationships. All decisions are guided solely by the documentation and protocols presented to us and are made in the best interests of the child. With regard to Vyom's admission, our records indicate that both parents were present during orientation, and documentation was duly signed for curriculum trainings too by both of you. If your consent was not appropriately represented at that time, we recommend addressing this directly with the concerned party. The school cannot adjudicate on matters of parental conflict or consent that fall outside formal documentation.

3. Handling Sensitive Allegations and Custodial Requests:

We understand the concerns raised in your email regarding access and involvement. However, we must inform you that we have received a written instruction from Ms. Victoria requesting that no information be shared with you without her explicit consent, citing the ongoing legal status of custody. As per our policy, we have informed her of your concerns and shared our response to ensure transparency. In accordance with our policy to ensure transparency and avoid misinterpretation, we are obligated to inform both parties when a formal concern is raised. We have therefore shared a copy of our response to your previous email with her. This is not done with bias or preference, but purely in the interest of neutrality and professional accountability. Please note, as a school, we do not have the authority to adjudicate custody matters.

4. Transition of Communication

Based on legal advice and to maintain objectivity, Ms. Akshayee Shetty will no longer be involved in communication pertaining to Vyom, owing to her personal relation to you. All future correspondence must be directed to the SK School Administration at [admin@sensekaleidoscopes.org] or to contact@sensekaleidoscopes.org. This is to ensure a fair, child-centric, and professional engagement at all times.

We hope this provides clarity on the school's stance. Please rest assured that Sense Kaleidoscopes continues to act in the best interests of Vyom and maintains strict neutrality in matters between parents. We urge both parties to work collaboratively and to avoid placing the school in a position of mediation, which falls outside our role. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Warm Regards,

Akshay Ram | Admin | +91 9606185050

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Akshayee Shetty

Mon, Jun 2, 1:33 PM (7 days ago)

to me, Anand, Babu, Niranjana, Uma, Admin, Sense

Dear Jayavardhan,

Thank you for your email. We appreciate your concern for Vyom's well-being and acknowledge the importance of both parents being actively involved in supporting his emotional, social, and academic development. This aspect is clearly covered in our SOPs at SK.

At Sense Kaleidoscopes, we remain steadfast in our child-centric approach and are committed to creating a safe, nurturing, and stable environment for every student. We uphold neutrality and transparency in all our communications and decisions, regardless of personal circumstances.

To ensure clarity and continued collaboration, we would like to address a few important points:

1. Equal Access and Communication

Our standard practice is to maintain communication with parents via the official class WhatsApp group and formal email correspondence. Both parents were initially included in Vyom's WhatsApp group. However, it was observed that **you exited the group voluntarily**, and we received **no further communication** from you thereafter. This created some uncertainty on our end about how best to keep you informed.

We take this opportunity to respectfully invite you to rejoin the group to ensure you remain updated on all school-related matters. We request that parents refrain from leaving such official groups abruptly, as it disrupts our ability to maintain consistent communication.

2. Maintaining Impartiality

Our team makes every effort to remain neutral and professional in all circumstances. Decisions made by the school are guided solely by the child's best interests. Comments implying a personal affiliation between any school team member and either parent—such as references to the promoter's relationship with Vyom's mother—are unfounded and not reflective of our conduct.

We respectfully request that such assumptions be avoided to preserve the trust and objectivity required in our partnership.

3. Protocols Going Forward

Given the sensitive nature of the current situation, and in the absence of legal directives, we will now require:

- **Written consent from both parents** for all significant decisions concerning Vyom's academic and emotional development.
- A **jointly agreed protocol** outlining preferred communication channels, roles in decision-making, and emergency contact norms.

We request that this protocol be submitted via email (copied to both parents and relevant school contacts) by **the end of this week**. This will allow us to move forward with greater clarity and shared accountability.

4. Email Communication Preferences

We will be happy to provide updates via email as per your preference. Kindly confirm your preferred email address to ensure no lapses in communication.

5. Regarding Escalation

Please be assured that the school remains fully compliant with all legal and ethical responsibilities. Should any external authority contact us, we will respond transparently, supported by documentation that reflects our consistent, neutral, and responsible actions.

Our intent has always been to support Vyom's overall well-being, and we have never withheld information or acted without a clear process. In the absence of formal legal guidance, we continue to act with caution and professionalism.

We truly value the opportunity to work collaboratively with both parents. We are confident that, with clear communication and mutual respect, we can continue to support Vyom's journey in the most effective and compassionate way.

Warm regards,

Akshayee. Shetty (She, Her, Hers)

Founder & Educational Visionary

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Disclaimer: This communication has been written by a neurodivergent with anxiety disorder. If you have any trouble with the meaning of any of the sentences or words, please do not be afraid to ask for clarification. Remember that neuro-divergents are often high-level conceptualisers who provide "out of the box" thinking.

From: Jayavardhan Shetty <jai.shetty@gmail.com>

Date: Monday, 2 June 2025 at 9:36 AM

To: Sense Kaleidoscopes Ayathi Trust <contact@sensekaleidoscopes.org>

Cc: Akshayee Shetty

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Subject: Concern Regarding Parental Alienation and Request for Support in Child Welfare for Vyom

Dear Principal, (Sense Kaleidoscope School, Bengaluru)

I am writing to formally express my concern regarding actions taken by Vyom's mother which I believe amount to parental alienation and are proving detrimental to Vyom's emotional and social well-being.

It is unfortunate that certain decisions and behaviours by the mother are undermining my role as Vyom's father and restricting my involvement in his upbringing and education. These actions appear to be causing distress to Vyom and may adversely impact his sense of stability and overall development.

I understand that the promoter of the school is a close friend of Vyom's mother, but I trust that the school will act in the best interests of the child, maintaining objectivity and a child-centric approach in all matters. Vyom deserves a nurturing, balanced environment, and the school plays a crucial role in ensuring that.

In light of the above, I respectfully request the following:

1. That I, as Vyom's father, be kept fully informed about all aspects of his academic progress, behavioural developments, events, and any matters concerning his well-being at school. I prefer all communication to be done strictly via email and not through WhatsApp or any other informal platforms.
2. That the school takes active measures to ensure equal and impartial engagement with both parents, in line with child welfare best practices.
3. That any significant developments, including participation in extracurricular activities, counselling, or behavioural concerns, be promptly and directly communicated to me.

Should this issue persist, or if the school feels constrained in acting independently, I am considering escalating the matter to the Child Welfare Department of Bengaluru, which is tasked with protecting the emotional and psychological well-being of children. In the absence of a court order, and in the interim while I prepare to bring this matter before the court to seek justice, I expect the school to act impartially and in a socially responsible manner towards my child.

I sincerely hope that the school will take these concerns seriously and extend its full cooperation in safeguarding Vyom's emotional and social development.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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Regards
Jayavardhan M Shetty

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Attachments area

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Jayavardhan Shetty <jai.shetty@gmail.com>

Mon, Jun 2, 3:06 PM (7 days ago)

to Akshayee, Anand, Babu, Niranjana, Uma, Admin, Sense

Dear Ms. Akshayee,

Thank you for your detailed response. I acknowledge the school's intention to create a nurturing and neutral environment for Vyom. However, I must respectfully point out that your stated intentions and actual actions have not always aligned, particularly in matters of parental involvement and transparency.

I would like to respond point by point:

1. Equal Access and Communication

Please understand that I was removed from multiple WhatsApp groups over time by the mother, and have been systematically blocked or muted by the mother using disappearing messages, leaving no accountability or record. Knowing your closeness to the mother I cannot afford to make whatsapp the primary means of communication where you are admins.

Given this pattern, I have intentionally chosen to keep all communication documented via email—a platform that ensures transparency, traceability, and permanence. I appreciate your willingness to comply with this going forward and request that all future communication regarding Vyom be sent to jai.shetty@gmail.com.

2. Maintaining Impartiality

While I value your statement of neutrality, I must point out that the admission of Vyom to Sense Kaleidoscope occurred without my consent, despite repeated verbal communications where I had expressly shared my intention to homeschool Vyom.

Given that the school was aware of the sensitive nature of the co-parenting situation, and considering the known personal connection between the promoter and the child's mother, the absence of formal consultation with me raises valid concerns. This initial exclusion sets a concerning precedent for impartiality and a belief of entitlement from the mother to take unilateral decisions without seeking father's consent. The process of parental alienation has started here and has been escalated deliberately during the vacations to ensure total alienation of the father.

I urge the school to take this feedback constructively and uphold the trust that comes with handling such sensitive matters.

3. Protocols Going Forward

I understand the school's desire to move forward with a jointly agreed protocol. However, I must reiterate that I had not given consent to Vyom's enrollment at Sense Kaleidoscope at any stage. Furthermore, recent events have significantly eroded my confidence in the school's willingness to safeguard the child's access to both parents equally.

The child's recent absence from my care for months at a time, without updates on his location or well-being, has caused emotional distress and serious concern. In this context, it is premature and ineffective to discuss joint consent or a protocol unless my role as a father and legal guardian is first fully acknowledged and respected.

That said, I remain open to working collaboratively with the school provided a framework of trust and transparency is first restored.

Regards,

Jayavardhan Shetty