

Dear head-teacher or governor,

I am writing concerning your school's treatment of my child, <name> I am concerned that the school is using detention as a form of punishment to incidents that happen in school that are directly related to my child's disability <name of disability>. My child has been officially diagnosed with <disability>. Therefore he has protection under the Equality Act 2010. The Equality Act demands that schools are required to make "Reasonable Adjustments" to include disabled children, and must not provide "Less Favourable Treatment". Under the act, "Less Favourable Treatment" is defined as having occurred when a disabled child is treated less favourably than someone else, for a reason related to the child's disability. In this case it seems quite evident that you are treating <name> less favourably than the other children because of his/her disability, in that you are imposing detention on him for a reason that is directly related to his/her disability.

You are also required under the act to make any Reasonable Adjustments to ensure that <name> is included in all activities. Under the act, the Reasonable Adjustments you make must act to prevent disabled pupils being placed at a substantial disadvantage, must enable pupils to participate in education and associated services, and must be anticipatory. I do not feel that <name> is being fully included in school life and I would very much like to work alongside you to improve things for <Name> I would like to request a meeting with the school as soon as possible so that we can discuss what reasonable adjustments the school has/can make thus ensuring <Name> is progressing and achieving in his school environment and also to offer my support as the parent to the school.

Please note that I have copied this letter to the chair of governors.

Thank-you very much,

Yours sincerely,