

## How worker's attempt to eat pupil's noodles led to 3-yr-old's death

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**L**AGOS—A prosecution witness, Inspector David Arthur, yesterday, told a Lagos High Court sitting at Igbosere how the former staff of Olab Private Nursery School, Rukayat Amosu, negligently killed, Aliyah Shuiabu, a three-year-old pupil of the school.

Inspector David Arthur said in the course of his investigation he discovered

that a pupil of the school came to school with noodles and the child ate part of the food with some of it spilling on the floor.

Arthur told Justice Adedayo Akintoye that the defendant, Rukayat Amosu, wanted to eat the remnant, when one of the school staff, Bola Ogbasaba, told her not to, as the child may still want to eat the leftover food.

The witness, who was led in evidence by the Lagos State Prosecuting counsel, Mr.

Babatunde Sunmonu, said Rukayat took the victim to the kitchen in a bid to feed the child and sat her on the cooler containing hot water.

He said children are not allowed in the kitchen, but the defendant still took her there, adding that the hot water the child fell in was meant for making tea for the children.

Arthur said: "The cooler was not properly covered when the defendant sat the child on the cover of the cooler containing

the hot water.

"The child fell inside the water and she was severely burnt, her private part was burnt, the victim was still in a coma before she died on November 2, 2015.

"The victim was transferred from Lagos Island General Hospital to Gbagada Burn Centre before she died."

However, Justice Akintoye adjourned the case to February 17, for the continuation of the trial in the case.