

Elland House School

Independent school progress monitoring inspection report

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Purpose and scope of the inspection

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Section 162A of the Education Act 2002, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005.^{1,2}

The inspection was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

Information about the school

Elland House School is part of the 'Timeout' company which provides care in a number of children's homes in England. Most of the school's pupils live in the company's children's homes; some are placed at the school by local authorities. The school is located in a two-storey building on a small industrial estate in a residential area of Oldham; it was relocated in September 2009 from its previous site in Ripponden. All pupils have emotional, social and behavioural difficulties and two have statements of special educational needs. Most have experienced gaps in their education caused by absence and/or exclusion from their previous schools. The school is registered for up to 15 pupils aged 11 to 16 years. It has applied to the Department for Education to increase this number to 20 pupils. Currently, four pupils are on the school's roll full time; a further three, who are over 16 years old, are taught part time.

Context of the inspection

The school was last inspected in November 2010 to monitor the progress in implementing the post-inspection action plan which had been accepted in June 2010 and was written following the previous full inspection of January 2010. The November 2010 inspection also evaluated the request for a material change to increase the school's registration capacity to admit up to 20 pupils. Three of the four regulatory failures had been rectified by the time of the November monitoring inspection but the school had not improved the washroom facilities as required. The Department was advised that approval of the school's application for the material change to increase its registration capacity was recommended once the proprietor was able supply firm evidence that the washroom improvements had been carried out satisfactorily, the school having satisfied all other conditions for recommendation of the material change. This is the second monitoring visit to evaluate progress in implementing the action plan; it also completes the evaluation of the school's application for the material change.

¹ www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga_20020032_en_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162

² www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga_20050018_en_15#sch8

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The progress monitoring inspection of November 2010 found that washroom facilities had not been upgraded in line with the school's action plan. They were insufficient to meet the needs of 20 pupils as proposed in the application to increase the school's registration capacity and staff and pupils did not have the required separate facilities. The school had identified a location for new facilities and had secured funding to have them built. The owner of the premises had agreed to this building work, providing that the school funded it in full; however, the building work had not begun.

Since the inspection of November 2010, the building work has been completed to a satisfactory standard and is kept clean and hygienic. The completion is within the time-scale set out in the school's action plan. The school now has separate washroom provision for boys and girls, separate provision for staff and visitors and appropriate facilities for those with disabilities. The washroom provision is now sufficient for up to 20 pupils. The proposed material change to accept this number of pupils can now be recommended.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school has made good progress and now meets all regulatory requirements.

School details

School status	Independent		
Type of school	Special day school for pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties		
Date school opened	June 2006		
Age range of pupils	11-16		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 2	Girls: 2	Total: 4
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	Boys: 2	Girls: 1	Total: 3
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs	Boys: 0	Girls: 2	Total: 2
Number of pupils who are looked after	Boys: 3	Girls: 4	Total: 7
Annual fees (day pupils)	£26,000		
Address of school	Unit 7 Roman Road Royton Oldham OL2 5PJ		
Telephone number	0161 628 3600		
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Headteacher	Pat Robinson		
Proprietor	Janet Lumb		