

# Small Haven School

Independent special 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.

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**

Small Haven School is an independent day special school located in Ramsgate in South Kent, which caters for boys and girls who have social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. All the pupils have experienced disruption in their previous schooling with consequent poor educational progress and loss of self-esteem. Registered for 16 pupils between the ages of five and 16, the school currently provides education for 13 boys and one girl between the ages of eight and 16. All the pupils have statements of special educational needs. Four pupils are in foster care. The mission statement of the school is to 'provide a therapeutic, secure, caring environment in which to teach its pupils and prepare them for their return to mainstream education'.

## **Context of the inspection**

The school was last inspected in February 2009, when it was known as Brewood Middle School. The school changed ownership in December 2009 and is now called Small Haven School. An unannounced emergency visit took place on 18 June 2010 arising from concerns about the school's recruitment processes and the use of physical intervention by staff who had not had up-to-date training. Following this visit the school was required to ensure that staff had received appropriate child protection and restraint training, that all staff recruitment procedures were followed thoroughly and that the required information was recorded on the single central register of staff checks. The school submitted an action plan which was evaluated on 30 July 2010. It was found to be satisfactory. This is the first monitoring visit to check the school's implementation of the action plan.

## **Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan**

At the inspection visit in June 2010 the school had regulatory failures with regard to staff training in safeguarding. The school's action plan noted that training had been arranged. These regulatory failures have now been rectified and all staff are fully trained in safeguarding. The safeguarding policy meets requirements. The behaviour policy did not meet requirements when checked on inspection and staff were not appropriately trained in physical intervention techniques. The policy now meets the

requirements, is fully implemented and designated staff have received the appropriate training in restraint. On the inspection visit of June 2010 it was not possible to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the school's safer recruitment procedures as all the required information was not made available. This was made available for the present visit. The school has improved its recruitment procedures and has undertaken all the required checks. These include a check on the medical fitness of staff to work at the school and their right to work in the United Kingdom. The information was not previously recorded accurately on the single central register of staff appointments as it did not include the initials of the person checking. All the required information is now recorded on the school's single central register. All safeguarding regulations are met.

## **Compliance with regulatory requirements**

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

## School details

<b>School status</b>	Independent		
<b>Type of school</b>	Independent school for pupils with behavioural, social and emotional difficulties		
<b>Date school opened</b>	11 April 2005		
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	5 –16		
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Mixed		
<b>Number on roll (full-time pupils)</b>	Boys: 13	Girls: 1	Total: 14
<b>Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs</b>	Boys: 13	Girls: 1	Total: 14
<b>Number of pupils who are looked after</b>	Boys: 3	Girls: 1	Total: 4
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£33,961		
<b>Address of school</b>	146 Newington Road Ramsgate Kent CT12 6PT		
<b>Telephone number</b>	01843 597088		
<b>Email address</b>	don@smallhavenschool.co.uk		
<b>Headteacher</b>	Donald Wilton		
<b>Proprietor</b>	Michael and Marissa Morgan		