

# Redroofs Theatre School

Independent school progress monitoring inspection report

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## **Purpose and scope of the inspection**

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**

Redroofs Theatre School is an independent day school for boys and girls aged from nine to 16 years. The school is part of Redroofs Associates, which includes a post-graduate provision, theatrical agency and theatre. It is registered for 70 pupils. At the time of this inspection, there were 66 pupils on roll and there were approximately twice as many girls as boys. One of the pupils attending the school has a statement of special educational needs. A large proportion of the pupils are of White British heritage. The school is located in a single building, formally a residential property, which has been adapted and extended to provide appropriate specialist facilities. It is situated in a residential area of Maidenhead. It opened in 1981. The school sees itself as 'a place where pupils are valued, where real confidence is borne and harnessed and where ambitions are recognised and encouraged'. It also seeks to offer 'a realistic way into the acting and the performing arts industry, encouraging a strong work ethic, adaptability and self-reliance'.

In September 2012, the school started a sixth form, which is beyond the scope of its registration. The school has been advised to make a material change application to the Department for Education.

## **Context of the inspection**

The school was last inspected in February 2011 and failed to meet requirements with regard to staff training in safeguarding. The school's initial action plan was evaluated on 19 December and the evidence in support of the school's action was found to contain incorrectly dated safeguarding training certificates. The school's most recent action plan, with correctly dated certificates, was accepted on 2 February 2012. This is the first visit to follow up the school's progress in implementing its action plan.

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

Following the last inspection, the school was required to ensure that the staff who were designated with responsibility for child protection received appropriate higher level training. This training was successfully completed within six months. However, since the last inspection, the school has published a revised safeguarding policy. This was examined and found to be lacking sufficient detail relevant to the school. Thus, whilst the school has made some progress in respect of safeguarding, its progress is insufficient and the regulation remains unmet. On this visit, other policies and their

implementation in relation to the pupils' welfare, health and safety were examined and found to serve the pupils' needs well and meet requirements, with the exception of arrangements for first aid. The staff's first aid qualifications had expired earlier in the term which meant that no member of staff was a qualified first aider. The school has subsequently secured first-aid training for staff and is scheduled to take place later this term on March 26<sup>th</sup>

## **Compliance with regulatory requirements**

As a result of this inspection, the school must take action to meet The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010<sup>1</sup> ('the Regulations'), as follows:

- ensure arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school and that these arrangements have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State (paragraph 7)
- ensure its written policy on first aid is implemented (paragraph 14).

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<sup>1</sup> [www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/1997/contents/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/1997/contents/made).

## School details

<b>School status</b>	Independent		
<b>Type of school</b>	Theatre school		
<b>Date school opened</b>	1981		
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	7–16 years		
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Mixed		
<b>Number on roll (full-time pupils)</b>	Boys: 20	Girls: 46	Total: 66
<b>Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs</b>	Boys: 0	Girls: 1	Total: 1
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£10,203 – £11,067		
<b>Address of school</b>	26 Bath Road Castle Hill Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 4JT		
<b>Telephone number</b>	01628 674092		
<b>Email address</b>	<a href="mailto:sam@redroofs.co.uk">sam@redroofs.co.uk</a>		
<b>Headteachers</b>	Samantha Keston-Bloom Carolyn Mayling		
<b>Proprietor</b>	Mrs J Rose, Samantha Keston-Bloom, Carolyn Mayling		