

# The Fulham Preparatory School Limited

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.

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**

The Fulham Preparatory is a pre-preparatory and preparatory co-educational school located in the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. The school opened in 1996 and is based in two separate sites about a mile apart. One site houses the pre-preparatory school for children and pupils in the Early Years Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 and the other building, opened in 2003, is for pupils in Year 3 to Year 8. Currently, there are 576 boys and girls on roll, aged from four to 13 years. Of these, 38 children in the Early Years Foundation Stage are in receipt of government funding. Two pupils have a statement of special educational needs. No pupil is looked after by the local authority.

The school's aims are that:

'All pupils should not only reach their potential, but exceed it, giving them the confidence to set their sights high. This may be achieved through academic channels or through sport, art, music, drama or whatever inspires the particular individual. The school provides a relaxed, vibrant and happy environment, with clearly defined boundaries, in which the pupils are able to meet all the challenges of their education.'

The school was last inspected in March 2009 when it was found to provide a good quality of education and all the requirements for registration were met.

## **Context of the inspection**

The school received an unannounced emergency inspection in December 2011. The inspection indicated non-compliance with the requirements for the provision for the welfare, health and safety of pupils in relation to the checks made on the staff, volunteers and proprietor. The school drew up an action plan for improvement in response to the report. This was evaluated in March 2012 and judged to be satisfactory.

This is the report of the first progress monitoring visit undertaken in order to evaluate the progress made by the school in implementing its action plan.

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

The unannounced emergency visit on 1 December 2011 found that the school's single central record did not record all the required checks made on staff including those not directly employed by the school, volunteers and the proprietorial body. In addition, the school did not ensure that the register showed the date on which each check was completed or the certificate obtained, and the identity of the person who made each check.

In response, the school planned to verify the checks made on all staff and the proprietors, and update its single central register accordingly. As a result of implementing the plan, the school has carried out thorough vetting checks on all members of staff including those who are not directly employed by the school, volunteers and the proprietorial body. All the required information has been entered into the single central register, including the date on which each check was made or the certificate obtained and initials of persons making such entries. The school now maintains an up-to-date single central register which indicates that all the required checks on staff have been made.

Discussions with the senior management of the school and scrutiny of documentation indicate that the school is aware of all the safeguarding requirements. The school has updated its recruitment policy and procedures to reflect the changes brought about by the Equality Act 2010 and to extend good practice. The school's recruitment procedures meet requirements.

## **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>	Co-educational pre-preparatory and preparatory		
<b>Date school opened</b>	1996		
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	4–13		
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Mixed		
<b>Number on roll (full-time pupils)</b>	Boys: 343	Girls: 233	Total: 576
<b>Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs</b>	Boys: 2	Girls: 0	Total: 2
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£12,645		
<b>Address of school</b>	<p>Pre-prep: 47A Fulham High Street, London SW6 3JJ</p> <p>Prep: 200 Greyhound Road, London W14 9SD</p>		
<b>Telephone number</b>	020 7386 2441		
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<b>Headteacher</b>	Jane Emmett		
<b>Proprietor</b>	The Fulham Prep School Ltd		