

# Sallygate School

Kingsdown Road, St Margarets At Cliffe, Dover, Kent, CT15 6AZ

## Inspection dates

13 February 2013

## Context of the inspection

An unannounced progress monitoring visit was made on 2 July 2012 when the school did not meet a large number of regulations and resulted in a published report. The school submitted an action plan that was evaluated as satisfactory in November 2012. A progress monitoring visit took place on 13 February 2013. The school's first full inspection was on 12–13 February 2013 when it failed to meet three regulations related to Part 5 of the standards.

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

## Regulations not met

At the time of the inspection visit in July 2012, the curriculum did not meet the regulations. It was not sufficiently well documented and did not contain appropriate subject matter for the age and aptitudes of the students, including those with a statement of special educational needs. Careers guidance was not provided and the curriculum did not provide the opportunity for all students to learn and make progress. The curriculum did not prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life and careers advice was inadequate. A new curriculum is now in place and is adequately documented. It is suitable for the age and aptitude of the students, including those with a statement of special educational needs. It meets the requirements to support them in their preparation for the next stage of their education. Careers guidance is now provided.

At the time of the inspection visit in July 2012, the teaching did not meet the regulations. Teachers did not prepare their lessons sufficiently well and they did not show a good understanding of the needs of the students or have sufficient subject knowledge. There was insufficient assessment of the students' progress and no framework by which their performance could be compared to either the school's own aims or national norms. Resources were insufficient. The teachers now at the school are well informed and plan their lessons to meet the specific needs of the students. The teachers show a good understanding of students' prior attainments, including those with special educational needs. They have devised a new assessment system, which will show the progress the students are making over time and can be compared to national norms. Resources have been increased and are now used well to support learning.

At the time of the inspection visit in July 2012, the arrangements to safeguard the welfare, health and safety of students at the school did not meet the regulations. Staff recruitment procedures were haphazard and not well documented. Staff recruitment procedures are now robust and carefully documented.

At the time of the inspection visit in July 2012, the sanctions book did not record all sanctions that staff applied and the admission register did not meet the regulations. All

sanctions are now logged accurately and the admissions register is kept accurately.

At the time of the inspection visit in July 2012, the single central register was not kept according to the regulations. The school now records all the information on the single central register as required.

At the time of the inspection visit in July 2012, the school did not provide showering facilities for students over the age of 11 years. It has still not met this regulation as the required facilities have not been installed. At the time of the inspection visit on 12 February 2013, the school did not provide suitable medical facilities or suitable space for when students are unwell.

At the time of the inspection visit in July 2012, the school did not record the complaints accurately. It now records these in a suitable form.

### Compliance with regulatory requirements

#### **The school requires improvement and must take action to meet The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010 ('the Regulations'), and associated requirements**

Provide suitable changing accommodation and showers for pupils aged 11 years or over at the start of the school year who receive physical education. 23A(1)(c)

Provide suitable accommodation for the medical examination and treatment of pupils. 23B(1)(a)

Provide suitable accommodation for the short-term care of sick and injured pupils, which includes a washing facility and is near to a toilet facility. 23B(1)(b)

## Inspection team

Jill Bainton, Lead inspector

Additional inspector

## Information about this school

- Sallygate School is a day special school for students with complex behavioural, social and emotional difficulties, and opened in December 2011. The school is located in a quiet road in the village of St Margaret's at Cliffe, approximately four miles from Dover. It is housed in most of what was formerly the village school, with the remainder of the property serving as the local library. The accommodation is a single-storey building. The school's proprietor is Channels and Choices, a company that manages six residential homes in Kent.
- All of the students on the school roll are looked after children as they all live in one of the company's residences. The school does not have any specific religious affiliation. The school aims to 'provide opportunities for pupils to achieve their optimal academic and personal potential'.
- The school is registered for up to 15 students in the age range from eight to 16 years of age and there are currently 15 on roll, with eight boys and seven girls. All but one of them of them are of secondary school age and 11 have a statement of special educational needs.
- The headteacher, deputy headteacher and several teaching and support staff have taken up their posts at the beginning of this term.
- An unannounced emergency visit was made on 2 July 2012, when the school did not meet a 20 regulations. A report was published . The school submitted an action plan, which was evaluated as satisfactory in November 2012. The school's first full inspection was on 12–13 February 2013. A progress monitoring inspection was carried out at the same time to check the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan.

## School details

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<b>DfE registration number</b>	886/ 6137
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<b>Type of school</b>	Day special
<b>School status</b>	Independent School
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	8–16
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Mixed
<b>Number of pupils on the school roll</b>	15
<b>Proprietor</b>	Channels and Choices
<b>Chair</b>	Ross Barnet
<b>Headteacher</b>	Elizabeth Cornish
<b>Date of previous school inspection</b>	2 July 2012
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£20,900 (The school's estimated figure as local authorities are charged an inclusive fee for education and care.)
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