

# Brown's School

Cannock House, Hawstead Lane, Chelsfield, Orpington, Kent BR6 7PH

## Inspection dates

21 May 2013

## Reason for inspection

This unannounced emergency inspection visit was made at the request of the Department of Education to advise whether the school was correctly implementing its complaints procedures.

## Conclusions

The shortcomings identified at the time of the last full inspection in June 2012, relating to careers guidance and the inclusion of sanctions in the behaviour policy, have been fully addressed. The school has also taken appropriate steps to comply with the recent changes in the independent school regulations.

The school's complaints procedures reflect current requirements and are correctly implemented. Comprehensive records are kept of informal complaints, including the dates when these were dealt with and resolved. The school's formal complaints procedure has not been invoked in the past year.

## Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets schedule 1 of The Education (Independent Schools Standards) (England) Regulations 2010, as amended by The Education (Independent Schools Standards) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements.

## Inspection team

Michael Best, Lead inspector

Additional Inspector

## Information about this school

- Brown's School is a day special school that admits a maximum of 50 boys and girls aged between six and 16 years. It is situated in Chelsfield in the Kent countryside. Initially established in 1997 to provide for pupils with dyslexia, in recent years the school has admitted pupils with a wider range of needs including speech and language difficulties, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and Asperger's syndrome.
- There are currently 38 pupils on roll, 33 boys and five girls. There are 36 pupils who have a statement of special educational needs and 35 are fully funded by their local authorities. One pupil is part-funded by their home local authority and parents and carers.
- In February 2012, there was a change of proprietorship to the current headteacher. The school last underwent a full inspection by Ofsted in June 2012, when it was judged to provide a good standard of education and welfare for its pupils and all but three of the regulations for independent schools were met.
- In March 2013, following a visit by an Ofsted inspector, the Department for Education granted permission for the school to increase its maximum number from 40 to 50 pupils following extensions and improvements to the accommodation and grounds.
- The school aims to 'provide a programme of lessons to alleviate literacy and numeracy difficulties; to promote enquiring minds and an eagerness to be involved in the world around them and to give the opportunity to develop successful learning strategies and acquire essential skills to last for a lifetime'.

## School details

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<b>DfE registration number</b>	305/6078
<p>This inspection was conducted at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. It was carried out under section 162A of the Education Act 2002, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005.</p>	
<b>Type of school</b>	Special
<b>School status</b>	Independent School
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	6–16 years
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Mixed
<b>Number of pupils on the school roll</b>	38
<b>Number of part time pupils</b>	0
<b>Proprietor</b>	Elaine Lovett
<b>Chair</b>	N/A
<b>Headteacher</b>	Elaine Lovett
<b>Date of previous school inspection</b>	28 June 2012
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	From £15,900
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