

Advanced Education - Warrington School

Unit 2 Forrest Way, Gatewarth Industrial Estate, Warrington, Cheshire, WA5 1DF

Inspection dates

4 March 2013

Reason for inspection

This unannounced emergency inspection visit was made at the request of the Department for Education (DfE). The DfE had received a complaint raising concerns about health and safety procedures, and fire-related matters. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the extent to which relevant regulatory requirements were met.

Conclusions

The inspector held discussions with the headteacher, teachers and administrative staff. The headteacher provided access to all documents and records that were requested. Documentary checks were carried out relating to health and safety, and fire safety procedures. The inspector also undertook a tour of the school and observed lessons.

With respect to health and safety procedures, the school has a written health and safety policy in place. This complies with relevant health and safety requirements and is appropriately implemented. Risk assessments are carried out regarding potential risks to health and safety in and out of school; risks are clearly identified and risk management arrangements are in place. The school has suitable systems in place for the inspection and maintenance of equipment. Documentary evidence indicates that electrical installations and equipment are checked by experts and the school maintains appropriate certification in this regard. This includes portable appliance testing. There were no issues identified through the tour of the school. It is clear that the school meets health and safety requirements.

With regard to fire-related matters, the school carries out fire risk assessments regularly. Records are kept up-to-date by the proprietor's health and safety officers. The school has appropriate certification regarding fire alarms, smoke detectors and emergency lighting. The school has an appropriate number of smoke detectors for a building of this size. Records show that fire evacuation drills are carried out regularly. Fire fighting equipment, including fire extinguishers, is tested as required. There were no issues identified through the tour of the school. The school complies with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

A small number of lessons were observed. The quality of teaching seen during this inspection was good.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

Saleem Hussain, Lead inspector

Additional Inspector

Information about this school

- Warrington School is an independent day special school owned and run by Advanced Education.
- The school is based in refurbished premises on an industrial estate in the Warrington area of Cheshire. It provides full-time education for up to 18 students with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties between the ages of 11 and 18 years.
- At the time of this inspection there were six students in school between the ages of 11 and 16. All have a statement of special educational needs.
- Students have often been out of school for many months prior to admission; most have a history of disrupted education as a result of exclusion from one or more educational establishments. All who attend the school are referred by their local authorities. Some attend from home and some are looked after children.
- The school's aim is to provide 'excellence, equality and high achievement for all, by unconditional positive regard for everyone'.
- The school was last inspected in January 2009. At that time it was judged that the school provided a good quality of education for its students. It met its aims and all of the regulations for independent schools.

School details

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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.	
Type of school	Special day school for students with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties
School status	Independent School
Age range of pupils	11–18 years
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	6
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	Advanced Childcare
Chair	Doug Sharp
Headteacher	Olufemi Onasanya
Date of previous school inspection	19 January 2010
Annual fees (day pupils)	£31,824
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