

The Chelsea Group of Children

St Andrew's Church Hall, Waynflete Street, London, SW18 3QG

Inspection dates

10 December 2013

Context of the inspection

This inspection was undertaken 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 and to check whether the independent school regulations for pupils' welfare, health and safety are now met.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Good progress

The inspection of December 2012 found that some welfare requirements were not met. The school's recording of physical intervention was inadequate and the written policy to promote good behaviour among pupils did not provide the required range of guidance for staff.

The school has reviewed and revised its arrangements for recording the necessary information about the use of physical restraint. Staff have been trained to act correctly with regard to completing the documentation required following the use of physical restraint. Consequently, any incidence of restraint is accurately recorded in a central record and reviewed regularly by senior staff. As a result of implementing its action plan the school has produced an appropriate policy to promote good behaviour. There are clear procedures for staff to follow and positive and less favourable incidents of behaviour are recorded centrally, so that relevant information is sent to parents and carers on a weekly basis.

The inspection of December 2012 found that most, but not all, of the required checks on staff were carried out. The school had not made the required checks on all staff from overseas, including those employed from an agency.

The school has changed its recruitment practice so that all of the necessary checks on staff have been completed and recorded in the central register of checks on staff.

The school has made good progress and now meets all regulatory requirements

Inspection team

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Information about this school

- The Chelsea Group of Children is a special school which offers day provision for 31 pupils aged between four and 11 years. All pupils experience developmental delay and have mild to moderate complex learning needs. Over half have autism and almost all have a statement of special educational needs.
- The school aims to 'meet each pupil's unique, developmental, behavioural and emotional needs and develop their cognitive abilities through the development of a firm foundation of skills'.
- The school opened in 1997 and in 2011 relocated to its current site in a residential area of south London. Pupils are placed at the school by a number of London boroughs. One child is in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The school was last inspected in December 2012.

School details

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Type of school	Day special school for pupils with mild to moderate complex learning needs
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	4–11
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	31
Number of part time pupils	0
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