

LVS Hassocks

London Road, Sayers Common, Hassocks, BN6 9HT

Inspection dates

30 January 2014

Context of the inspection

An unannounced emergency inspection visit which took place in June 2013 was requested by the Department for Education in order to check the school's compliance with the independent school regulations for promoting good behaviour, the prevention of bullying, the provision of information for parents, carers and others and the implementation of the school's complaints procedures. It was found that a number of the regulations were not met. An action plan was submitted by the school and evaluated as satisfactory in July 2013. A full integrated inspection of education and boarding provision took place in September 2013. At this time the boarding provision was found to be good while the education provided was judged to be adequate. The inspection found that the school had implemented its action plan and all but one of the regulations were met. This progress monitoring inspection was undertaken at the request of the registration authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in meeting the outstanding regulation.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Good progress

At the time of the last inspection in September 2013, the complaints policy did not specify the need to record the outcome of any complaint at the preliminary level or whether a complaint would be taken to a panel hearing. This has been correctly addressed. This present inspection found that the amended policy is now available to parents and carers on the school's website.

This inspection found that the school has maintained the successful implementation of its action plan in respect of regulations that were found to be failed in the June 2013 emergency inspection, but which were found to be met in the later full inspection.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

Lesley Farmer HMI, Lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

Information about this school

- LVS Hassocks is a residential special school located on a site that was formerly a religious retreat and convent set in very extensive grounds in a rural area near Brighton. The proprietors, the Licensed Trade Charity, have overseen a very extensive building and refurbishment programme that has enabled rapid expansion to take place.
- The school is registered for eight to 19 year-olds with a maximum number on roll of 78 students. There are currently 74 students on roll; of these, 28 are day students. All students attend full time.
- All students have special educational needs associated with autism and all have a statement of their special educational needs. Students are placed by a large number of different local authorities.
- The school's aims are: 'to enable learners to realise their full potential and become independent individuals who are successful learners in charge of their learning; confident individuals in control of their feelings; responsible citizens in control of their actions'.

School details

Unique reference number	135930
Inspection number	433713
DfE registration number	938/6267
<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>	
Type of school	Independent
School status	Independent residential special school
Age range of pupils	8–19
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	74
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	The Licenced Trade Charity
Chair	Anita Adams
Headteacher	Sarah Sherwood
Date of previous school inspection	17–19 September 2013
Annual fees (day pupils)	£34,950
Telephone number	01273 832901
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