

Wathen Grange School

Church Walk, Mancetter, Atherstone, CV9 1PZ

Inspection dates

3 June 2014

Context of the inspection

When the school was inspected in March 2012, it met most but not all of the regulations. The school submitted an action plan outlining its proposals to address these, which was evaluated and accepted in October 2012. In March 2013 an unannounced emergency inspection was made to the school at the request of the Department for Education in response to two anonymous complaints received in November 2011 and December 2012. The complaints referred to the quality of students' welfare, safeguarding procedures and their implementation, and recruitment procedures and recording. Two regulations were identified as not being met. The school submitted an action plan indicating how it would address these, which was accepted in May 2012. A progress monitoring inspection visit was made in November 2013 and one regulation was found not to be met. This is the second monitoring visit to check the progress made by the school in implementing its action plans.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Good progress

The progress monitoring visit of November 2013 found that the school did not have schemes of work for science and that not all students had sufficient breadth of experience in science.

Leaders have devised an action plan to ensure coverage of the science curriculum. Schemes of work are now in place which cover how aspects of science will be taught. Students conduct experiments and evidence in students' books shows that students develop their scientific skills sufficiently. While these schemes of work have been implemented, they would benefit from further clarity about what will be taught in each year group. At the present time the scheme covers what will be taught in each key stage.

The school has appointed a series of specialist teachers to provide students with their entitlement to the science curriculum. The most recent teacher has been appointed to teach science and mathematics. Science is timetabled for all students and lessons are supported by learning support assistants. Evidence in students' books show that science is taught on a regular basis.

The school is continuing to develop the quantity and quality of science resources. Equipment purchased is used to ensure students have the opportunity to develop their scientific skills through investigations. Leaders have organised to join the consortium of local education authorities for the provision of science equipment. This will support the school in the delivery of the science curriculum for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. The head of education has explored the possibility of using scientific laboratories in the local area. This has been unsuccessful. However, recent links have been made with a school in

Walsall with the aim to improve the science curriculum.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

Jane Millward, Lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

Information about this school

- Wathen Grange School offers day provision for a maximum of 40 students aged 11 to 16 years with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties.
- The school previously operated from two sites but now only operates on one site.
- The school opened in Leamington Spa in September 2000 and expanded to open this second site, in Mancetter, in September 2007. The original building in Leamington Spa closed in June 2012.
- There are currently nine students; all are White British boys, aged 11 to 16 years.
- Most of the current students come from Solihull and Leicestershire local authorities and all students have statements of special educational needs.
- The school aims to prepare its students for social challenges, economic independence and the demands of adulthood. It also aims to offer a curriculum that broadly follows the National Curriculum while incorporating an appropriate range of knowledge, skills and experiences beyond the classroom.
- The school does not have a headteacher but there is a head of education who works full time at this site.

School details

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Type of school	Independent school for students with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties
School status	Independent School
Age range of pupils	11–16 years
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	9
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	Complete Care Warks Ltd
Headteacher	Steve Reynolds
Date of previous school inspection	November 2013
Annual fees (day pupils)	£45,000
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