

Hall School Wimbledon

17 The Downs, Wimbledon, London, SW20 8HF

Inspection dates

22 January 2015

Overall outcome

Unmet independent school standard identified

Reason for the inspection

- This emergency inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education to report on the school's compliance with all the standards for independent schools referenced in Part 3, 'Welfare, health and safety of pupils' and Part 7, 'Manner in which complaints are handled'. In particular, the inspector was asked to check that the school's safeguarding and anti-bullying policies complied with the standards and were implemented effectively. The inspector was also asked to check how complaints were handled by the school.
- The inspection was carried out with no notice.

Main findings

- The school's safeguarding policy has not been reviewed annually or updated to include the latest statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education.
- Information included in *Keeping children safe in education*, issued by the Department for Education in April 2014, has not yet been shared with staff employed at the school.
- The designated officer for child protection has not undertaken appropriate training for the role. The training that has been completed does not meet the standard set by the Local Safeguarding Children Board.
- All other standards in Part 3, 'Welfare, health and safety of pupils', have been met by the school. The school has appropriate procedures for recruiting and checking staff. Leaders have completed safer recruitment training and staff files are well ordered. Appropriate checks on staff have been made and references taken up.
- The school has a written behaviour policy and code of conduct, which are understood and applied consistently by staff. Serious incidents of poor behaviour are infrequent. However, the school does exclude pupils for poor behaviour, including for persistent bullying. This information is recorded on individual pupil files and staff made aware of any concerns. On the very few occasions when bullying behaviour is repeated, the school takes decisive action.
- All pupils are clear about the consequences of poor behaviour and talk enthusiastically about how good behaviour is rewarded. They say the few incidences of low level disruption they experience in lessons are dealt with appropriately by adults.
- Admission and attendance registers are appropriately maintained.
- Risk assessments and levels of staff supervision are appropriate and ensure that pupils are safe when attending trips or off-site activities.
- Leaders ensure that all health and safety requirements are met, as stipulated in the written policy. The buildings on both sites are attractive, well maintained and well resourced. The first aid policy is fully implemented. Fire safety checks are carried out and logged. The school carries out regular fire evacuation drills.
- The school meets all the standards in Part 7, 'Manner in which complaints are handled'.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school must take action to meet The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 and associated requirements

- make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school (paragraphs 7, 7(a)).
- such arrangements to have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State (paragraph 7(b)).

Inspection team

Lesley Cox, Lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

Information about this school

- Hall School Wimbledon is an independent day school for pupils aged four to 16 years. It was founded in 1990 and consists of separate junior and senior school sites. It was last inspected by Ofsted in November 2012 when its overall effectiveness was judged to be outstanding.
- The headteacher is also the proprietor of the school.
- Most pupils reside in the Wimbledon area and represent a number of different nationalities. Some come from further afield and travel from other South London boroughs.

School details

Unique reference number	101086
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This inspection was conducted at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. It was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008.

Type of school	Primary and secondary
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	4–16
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	443
Proprietor	Timothy Hobbs
Headteacher	Timothy Hobbs
Date of previous school inspection	22 November 2012
Annual fees (day pupils)	£11,233 to £ 14,859
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