

Wynstones

Wynstones School, Church Lane, Whaddon, Gloucester GL4 0UF

Inspection date

06/03/2018

Context of the inspection

This inspection was undertaken at the request of the Department for Education. The purpose was to assess progress made on the action plan submitted to the Department for Education by the school. The action plan was produced in response to failing to meet national minimum standards 7.1 and 7.2 relating to fire safety at the previous welfare-only inspection.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Leaders and managers of Wynstones school have made good progress with the implementation of the action plan. There are improved systems and procedures in relation to fire safety. Children and staff know what to do in the event that the fire alarm is activated in the school buildings. Fire drills and evacuations occur at least once a term. Clear records are maintained and reviewed for any lessons learned and to consider whether any changes need to be implemented.

Leaders and managers take fire safety seriously and commissioned an independent consultant to undertake a fire risk assessment of the school site. Advisory recommendations from this assessment now form another action plan for improvements to fire safety. Many actions are complete and some works are scheduled for the school holidays. For example, the fire doors are to be upgraded.

School staff are made aware of their responsibilities towards fire safety and some have completed formal training as fire marshals. Further training is scheduled in the summer term for the use of fire-fighting equipment. Host families, who provide boarding accommodation, evidence that their homes are suitable through safety certificates for their boilers and any gas installations.

School staff and host families are suitably trained in safeguarding matters and have access to key documents, such as Keeping Children Safe in Education.

National minimum standards

The school has made good progress and now meets all the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

Inspection team

Clare Davies

Lead social care inspector

Information about this school

Wynstones Steiner Waldorf School is a registered charity founded in 1937. It is situated in a rural location but in close proximity to Gloucester. The school provides education for children between the ages of three and 18 and is registered with the Department for Education. The school attracts pupils predominantly from the local area. There is no boarding accommodation on the school site. A small number of boarding pupils from overseas can attend for a short period, usually a term. During their stay they are placed with host families and attend the upper school on a daily basis. The boarding provision was last inspected in January 2016.

School details

Unique reference number	115793
Social care unique reference number	SC034618
DfE registration number	916/6031

This inspection was carried out under the Children Act 1989, as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000, having regard to the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

The inspection was conducted 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 following the previous inspection.

Type of school	Boarding school
Number of boarders on roll	3
Gender of boarders	Mixed
Age range of boarders	14 to 19
Headteacher	Marianne Law-Lindberg
Date of previous boarding inspection	18/01/2016
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