

Park View Academy

146–148 Parkview Road, Welling, Kent DA16 1SR

Inspection dates

12 March 2018

Overall outcome

The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material change is implemented

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 7, 7(a), 7(b), 11, 12, 14, 16, 16(a) and 16(b)

- The safeguarding policy reflects the Secretary of State's latest guidance, published by the Department for Education: 'Keeping children safe in education' (September 2016), and 'Working together to safeguard children' (revised February 2018). It is published on the school's website, together with all the other required policies.
- Staff training at the correct level, including training for designated safeguarding leads, is up to date. Teachers regularly review their practice with regard to safeguarding. For example, teachers attend regular briefings where they can raise any possible 'early help' concerns they may have about pupils.
- Leaders have ensured that the school's written health and safety policy is effectively implemented. The building and facilities, which include classrooms, offices, a medical room and social areas, are clean, safe and well maintained.
- Policies and written risk assessments have been completed, are of good quality and meet all the required aspects of health and safety in reducing identified risks. A visit from an external fire safety consultant took place on 9 March 2018 to check compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 for the new classrooms. This visit found that the school met the requirements for fire safety. Fire exits are clearly signposted so that pupils are able to leave the building quickly and safely.
- A tour of all classrooms with the headteacher confirmed that pupils were well supervised by an appropriate number of adults.
- The school is likely to meet the requirements relevant to the material change for this part.

Part 4. Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors

Paragraph 17, 18(1), 18(2), 18(2)(a), 18(2)(b), 18(2)(c), 18(2)(c)(i), 18(2)(c)(ii), 18(2)(c)(iii), 18(2)(c)(iv), 18(2)(d), 18(2)(e), 18(3), 19(1), 19(2), 19(2)(a), 19(2)(a)(i), 19(2)(a)(i)(aa), 19(2)(a)(i)(bb), 19(2)(a)(i)(cc), 19(2)(a)(ii), 19(2)(b), 19(2)(c), 19(2)(d), 19(2)(d)(i), 19(2)(d)(ii), 19(2)(e), 19(3), 20(6), 20(6)(a), 20(6)(a)(i),

20(6)(a)(ii), 20(6)(b), 20(6)(b)(i), 20(6)(b)(ii), 20(6)(b)(iii), 20(6)(c), 21(1), 21(2), 21(3), 21(3)(a), 21(3)(a)(i), 21(3)(a)(ii), 21(3)(a)(iii), 21(3)(a)(iv), 21(3)(a)(v), 21(3)(a)(vi), 21(3)(a)(vii), 21(3)(a)(viii), 21(3)(b), 21(4), 21(5), 21(5)(a), 21(5)(a)(i), 21(5)(a)(ii), 21(5)(b), 21(5)(c), 21(6), 21(7), 21(7)(a), 21(7)(b), 21(8)

- All the required background checks on all appointed staff and governors are included in a single central record of recruitment checks, which meets requirements. The school does employ supply staff and has appropriate procedures in place to conduct the required checks on agency staff.
- The school is likely to meet the requirements relevant to the material change for this part.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 22, 23(1), 23(1)(a), 23(1)(b), 23(1)(c), 24(1), 24(1)(a), 24(1)(b), 25, 26, 27, 27(a), 27(b), 28(1), 28(1)(a), 28(1)(b), 28(1)(c) 28(1)(d), 29(1), 29(1)(a) and 29(1)(b)

- The two proposed new classrooms are located on the first floor of a former office building, which the school already occupies. There is a separate entrance on the ground floor, and leaders have devised an appropriate accessibility plan to fulfil its duties under the Equality Act 2010.
- The building consists of 14 classrooms and includes specialist teaching areas for music technology and a performance space for assemblies and drama productions. In addition, there are three offices, a medical room, four sets of toilets and a soft play area.
- Suitable toilet, changing and showering facilities are provided. Staff have their own separate toilet.
- The premises are safe, secure and well maintained. The health, safety and welfare of pupils are ensured through effective implementation of the school's health and safety procedures.
- A suitable medical room with washing facilities is provided, which pupils may use if they become unwell. A toilet is located nearby.
- The acoustic features and sound insulation, together with internal and external lighting, are suitable throughout the building.
- Water supplies, including regulated hot water and labelled drinking water, are likely to meet requirements.
- Physical education will be taught at a nearby sports centre. This is equipped with suitable changing and showering facilities. There is also adequate safe outside space for pupils' recreation activities.
- The school is likely to meet the requirements relevant to the material change for this part.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b) and 34(1)(c)

- Leaders have thought carefully about the location and use of the two proposed new classrooms. This is to ensure that the curriculum continues to meet pupils' changing

needs.

- The headteacher and managing director have an excellent knowledge and understanding of their role and responsibilities. They have ensured that all the relevant independent school standards are consistently met, and that pupils' welfare is safeguarded.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school is likely to meet the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that are relevant to the material change.

School details

Unique reference number	138386
DfE registration number	303/6000
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This inspection was carried out under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Other independent special school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Philip Hoppenbrouwers
Chair	David Cowell
Headteacher	Richard Johnson
Annual fees (day pupils)	£35,000 to £60,000
Telephone number	020 3137 3630
Website	www.alpschools.org
Email address	info@alpschools.org
Date of previous standard inspection	1–3 March 2017

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	7 to 19	7 to 19	7 to 19
Number of pupils on the school roll	25	30	30

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Mixed

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	20	20
Number of part-time pupils	0	0
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	25	30
Of which, number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	22	25
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	22	25

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	18	23
Number of part-time teaching staff	3	3
Number of staff in the welfare provision	0	0

Information about this school

- Park View Academy is one of three schools in the ALP group. It caters for pupils who have a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan. These are related to their autism spectrum condition and/or social, emotional and mental health difficulties.
- While the school aims to meet the needs of pupils on a temporary basis as an alternative provision, many pupils remain at the school for the long term. All pupils are placed and funded by a range of local authorities. The majority of pupils access support from child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS).
- The school's previous standard inspection was in March 2017, when its overall

effectiveness was judged to require improvement.

- Some pupils access alternative provision as follows:
 - motor mechanics courses at Archway, Thamesmead, London SE2 9BS
 - animal therapy at Animal Days Out, Welling DA16 3AD.
- Additional off-site sports and enrichment activities are made available to pupils as follows:
 - sports activities and physical education at Crook Log Leisure Centre, Bexleyheath DA7 4HH
 - swimming and sports activities at Allhallows Leisure Park, Rochester ME3 9QD.
- The school's website meets all the requirements of the independent school standards.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was conducted by Ofsted 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 2008.¹
- The inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education to consider the school's application for a material change to use additional premises within the same building, and increase the number of pupils on roll from 25 to 30.
- The Department for Education requested that the inspector consider whether, because of the proposed changes of premises, the independent school standards contained within Parts 3, 4, 5 and 8 are met.
- The inspector met with the headteacher and the managing director. He toured the school site, visiting all classrooms, offices and toilets. He also reviewed key documents and policies, including those related to safeguarding, health and fire safety, and scrutinised a range of risk assessments.
- There were too few responses to the Ofsted online survey (Parent View) to generate meaningful analysis.

Inspection team

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¹www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/25/contents.

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