

Oak House School

Inspection dates

22 June 2018

Overall outcome

The school meets all of the independent school standards that were checked during this inspection

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7, 7(a) and 7(b)

- At the previous inspection, the school's safeguarding policy did not reflect the latest statutory guidance, the single central record of vetting checks did not meet requirements, and leaders had not completed the appropriate level of training within the required time frames.
- This inspection confirmed the appropriate actions identified in the school's acceptable action plan have been realised.
- The school's safeguarding policy and procedures now reflect the latest statutory guidance. All the required vetting checks on staff are now undertaken and recorded accurately on the single central register. Leaders with responsibility for safeguarding have now had the required training and are suitably equipped to ensure that pupils are kept as safe from harm as possible.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are now met.

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

Paragraphs 18(2), 18(2)(b), 21(1), 21(3) and 21(3)(a)(iii)

- At the time of the previous inspection, the single central register of vetting checks did not meet statutory requirements. There were omissions and mistakes and some checks were not recorded. Specifically, prohibition from teaching checks had not been undertaken, nor had checks on those barred from managing independent schools.
- This inspection confirmed the appropriate actions identified in the school's acceptable action plan have been realised.
- All the required vetting checks have now been completed and accurately recorded on the school's compliant single central register.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are now met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- At the previous inspection, leaders were unaware of some of the statutory safeguarding requirements. As a result, some of the independent school standards were not met.
- This inspection confirmed that leaders have taken suitable action to ensure that the arrangements to safeguard pupils at Oak House School are now effective.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are now met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that were checked during this inspection. This included the standards and requirements that the school was judged to not comply with at the previous inspection. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

The school now meets the following independent school standards

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

- 7 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that:
 - 7(a) arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school; and
 - 7(b) such arrangements have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

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

- 18(2) The standard in this paragraph is met if:
 - 18(2)(b) no such person carries out work, or intends to carry out work, at the school in contravention of a prohibition order, an interim prohibition order, or any direction made under section 128 of the 2008 Act or section 142 of the 2002 Act, or any disqualification, prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in either such direction.
- 21(1) The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor keeps a register which shows such of the information referred to in sub-paragraphs (3) to (7) as is applicable to the school in question.
- 21(3) The information referred to in this sub-paragraph is:
 - 21(3)(a) in relation to each member of staff ("S") appointed on or after 1st May 2007, whether:
 - 21(3)(a)(iii) a check was made to establish whether S is subject to any direction made under section 128 of the 2008 Act or section 142 of the 2002 Act or any disqualification, prohibition or restriction which takes effect as if contained in such a direction.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

- 34(1) The standard about the quality of leadership and management is met if the proprietor ensures that persons with leadership and management responsibilities at the school:
 - 34(1)(a) demonstrate good skills and knowledge appropriate to their role so that the independent school standards are met consistently;
 - 34(1)(b) fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the independent school

- standards are met consistently; and
- 34(1)(c) actively promote the well-being of pupils.

School details

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This inspection was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's suitability for continued registration as an independent school.

Type of school	Day special school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	10 to 17
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Proprietor	Saheena Saeed
Chair	Sofia Patel
Headteacher	Andy Bligh
Annual fees (day pupils)	£19,000
Telephone number	020 8599 9675
Website	None
Email address	office@oakhousehome.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	10–12 October 2017

Information about this school

- Oak House School is an independent special school. It caters for pupils who have social, emotional and mental health difficulties.
- The school's previous full standard inspection was in October 2017. This was the school's first full inspection following its registration with the Department for Education in August 2016.
- The school makes no use of off-site provision.
- The school does not have a website, but ensures that all information required by the independent school standards is provided in hard copy from the school's office.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was carried out at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. The purpose of the inspection was to monitor the progress the school has made in meeting the independent school standards and other requirements that it was judged not to comply with at its previous inspection.
- This inspection was the school's first progress monitoring inspection and was conducted without notice.
- In October 2017, a full standard inspection of the school judged it to be inadequate. The school submitted an action plan. Ofsted's review of this plan judged it to be acceptable. As a result, the Department for Education wrote to the school to confirm the action plan had been accepted.
- The inspection focused on the school's progress against specific requirements within Parts 3, 4 and 8 of the independent school standards.
- The inspector conducted the inspection in collaboration with the headteacher.
- The inspector scrutinised the relevant documentation related to safeguarding.
- There have been no recent responses to Ofsted's online survey, Parent View.

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