

Felixstowe International College

Garrison Lane, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 7RE

Inspection dates

1 November 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

Paragraph 7, 7(a), 7(b)

- The inspector reviewed the college's safeguarding policy and a range of other documents relating to keeping pupils safe that are made available on the school's website. The policy names the deputy principal as the designated safeguarding lead. It also includes detailed guidance for staff on raising concerns about pupils.
- This policy currently on the college website has not been updated to include the latest statutory guidance, 'Keeping children safe in education', Department for Education (DfE), September 2018. However, the inspector was shown evidence by leaders that they have reviewed and updated their policy and intend to upload it on to their website this term.
- The college's arrangements for safeguarding have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State, in reference to Part 3, paragraph 7(b) of the independent school standards.
- This independent school standard is met.

Paragraph 15

- The purpose of the inspection was to provide the DfE with up-to-date information about the number of pupils on roll. This was because the DfE is taking regulatory action to restrict future admissions to the college. In order to gain the information, the inspector checked whether the college met the independent school standard relating to maintaining an admission register and an attendance register.
- The inspector scrutinised the college's admission and attendance registers. College leaders maintain an electronic admission register. It lists the name of each pupil, their date of birth and the date they joined the college. The register includes the emergency contact details for each pupil and the name of the school they attended previously. It lists the date pupils last attended the college and the reason for leaving. It does not show in sufficient detail their precise destinations.
- At the time of the inspection, the inspector and the deputy principal confirmed that there were 19 pupils currently on roll. This figure comprises: two pupils in Year 9; three pupils in Year 11; six pupils in Year 12; and eight pupils in Year 13.

- The latest admissions to take place were of five pupils in January 2018. No admissions have been recorded since.
- Attendance registers are kept and maintained appropriately. The register lists the names of all pupils, but not their personal details, including their ages, addresses or contact details. The school rarely uses the required absence codes as all pupils attend regularly. The inspector and deputy principal noted an anomaly relating to one day's absence of one pupil. This was due to a recording error.
- The inspector checked the names recorded in the attendance register. These names matched the names recorded in the admission register.
- The college's admission and attendance information are maintained in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006.
- This independent school standard is met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The college 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. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

School details

Unique reference number	124899
DfE registration number	935/6076
Inspection number	10083003

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	Other independent school
School status	Independent boarding school
Age range of pupils	9 to 19
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	19
Of which, number on roll in sixth form	14
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	Mrs Su Yeun Yu
Chair	Not applicable
Principal	Mr Seung Jin Kim
Annual fees	£16,000
Telephone number	01394 282388
Website	www.ficedu.org
Email address	fic-uk@hotmail.com
Date of previous standard inspection	3–5 October 2017

Information about this school

- Felixstowe International College is an independent boarding school in Felixstowe, Suffolk. It is registered with the DfE as a day and boarding school with a Christian ethos.
- It has boarding accommodation for up to 32 pupils in a designated house a short journey from the school.

- Most pupils are from Korea. All of them speak English as an additional language and are at different stages of learning English.
- No pupils have special educational needs and/or disabilities. No pupils are eligible for free school meals.
- The college is no longer based at its Garrison Lane premises. College leaders are currently re-negotiating the lease on the building with the local authority. All pupils are now taught and board together in the boarding house on Maybush Lane, Felixstowe. The principal informed the DfE of this new arrangement by email on 8 October 2018. At this stage, the proposed time for returning to the Garrison Lane site remains unclear.

Information about this inspection

- The DfE, the registration authority for independent schools, commissioned this emergency inspection. It was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008. The sole purpose of the inspection was to check that the independent school standard relating to the keeping of admission and attendance registers is met.
- In the standard inspection in October 2017, and the social care common inspection in April 2018, the college did not meet all the independent school standards. Subsequently, the DfE issued a restriction notice on 13 September 2018 to prevent the college from admitting new pupils. College leaders did not appeal against the decision made by the DfE.
- The inspection was carried out without notice.
- The inspector met with the deputy principal and an office manager. The proprietor and the principal were unavailable. Documents were examined relating to Part 3, paragraph 15 of the independent school standards. The inspector checked the safeguarding policy and whether it is made available to parents and carers, in reference to Part 6, paragraph 32(1)(c) of the independent school standards.
- Leaders provided the inspector with hard copies of both the admission and attendance registers. The inspector and the deputy principal signed an evidence form to verify that there are currently 19 pupils on roll and that the last three pupils to join the school arrived in January 2018.

Inspection team

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Her Majesty's Inspector

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