

Brooke House Day School

Croft Road, Cosby, Leicester, Leicestershire LE9 1SE

Inspection dates

30 January 2019

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), 7(b), 12, 32(1), 32(1)(c)

- The headteacher has ensured that arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school. These arrangements have regard for the most recent guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- The school's safeguarding policy, which reflects the latest guidance, is available on the school's website.
- The most recent update of the school's fire risk assessment took place in November 2018. Fire risks have been appropriately assessed and appropriate control measures are in place. There are displays throughout both school buildings showing fire safety plans and evacuation procedures.
- The headteacher has ensured that the school's fire extinguishers were all checked in November 2018. The extinguishers are stored appropriately around both school buildings. For example, there is a carbon dioxide extinguisher located in the science room. Fire blankets are also accessible in the small kitchen areas at both school sites.
- The headteacher has ensured that there are records of termly evacuation drills. Pupils and staff confirmed that these drills frequently take place. Records show that there are weekly checks to ensure, for example, that the fire alarm and emergency lighting are functioning correctly.
- Pupils and staff understand the procedures to follow should there be a fire alarm. Pupils and staff know the exit routes in both buildings. These routes are kept clear. Fire exit signs are in place above doors.
- The outcome of the fire safety audit carried about by Leicestershire fire service on both premises, in November 2014, was 'satisfactory'.
- The school meets the requirements of these independent school standards.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 25

- The testing of a small number of portable electrical appliances is out of date in both school buildings. However, the headteacher is aware of this and plans are already in place to rectify the situation promptly.
- The headteacher has ensured that both school buildings are maintained to a standard such that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of pupils are ensured.
- The school meets the requirements of this independent school standard.

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

School details

Unique reference number	135185
DfE registration number	855/6023
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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	Primary and secondary day school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	3 to 16
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	83
Proprietor	Private Educare Ltd
Chair	Joy Parker
Headteacher	Joy Parker
Annual fees (day pupils)	£6,900 to £8,400
Telephone number	01162 867372
Website	www.brookehousedayschool.co.uk
Email address	brookehousedayschool@tiscali.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	21–23 June 2016

Information about this school

- Brooke House Day School is a non-selective independent school in Cosby, near Leicester. It is located in the premises of a former primary school and a converted detached house, which is located on the opposite side of the road.
- The school is registered to admit up to 100 pupils in the age range three to 16 years.
- The school uses no alternative providers for the secondary-aged pupils.

Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education (DfE) commissioned this emergency fire inspection because the proprietor has not responded to the DfE's fire survey, sent to schools in July 2017 following the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The survey asked proprietors of schools to check buildings for cladding and, where appropriate, to arrange for cladding to be tested for the presence of specific flammable components. The school buildings are of brick construction and do not have any such cladding.
- This inspection was conducted without notice and was the first inspection following the school's standard inspection on 21–23 June 2016.
- During the inspection, the inspector held various meetings with the headteacher and undertook a telephone conversation with a fire safety officer from the Leicestershire fire service. He scrutinised a wide range of documentation relating to fire safety, including an up-to-date fire risk assessment.
- The inspector spoke informally with two groups of pupils and a member of staff. He toured both school sites, visiting all classrooms and rooms, accompanied by the headteacher.

Inspection team

Peter Stonier, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

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