

Rossllyn School

1597 Stratford Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, West Midlands B28 9JB

Inspection dates

2 April 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) and 32(1)(c)

- At the time of the previous standard inspection, in November 2017, these standards were judged to be met. Complaints have been received by the Department for Education relating to current arrangements made in the school to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils. The inspector checked that procedures and practices continue to meet requirements.
- Safeguarding is effective. The school's safeguarding policy meets current requirements and reflects the latest guidance issued by the Secretary of State. Details of safeguarding arrangements are published on the school's website.
- Records indicate that staff have received appropriate training. As a result, they are aware of their roles and responsibilities for the safety and welfare of their pupils.
- Under the guidance of the new proprietor, the headteacher has undertaken a thorough review of the arrangements to ensure that safeguarding responsibilities are fully met.
- These standards continue to be met.

Paragraphs 9, 9(a), 9(b), 9(c) and 10

- The school has appropriate written behaviour policies for pupils and they are implemented effectively. These set out rewards and sanctions for any incidents or misbehaviour. There are few inappropriate behaviour incidents recorded, indicating that pupils' attitudes to learning and behaviour are positive.
- There is a suitable anti-bullying policy, including a version presented in 'child-friendly language'. Expectations are clearly set out and pupils of all ages are clear about the requirement for high standards of behaviour and their responsibilities to tackle bullying.
- These standards continue to be met.

Paragraphs 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16(a) and 16(b)

- These standards were judged to be met at the previous standard inspection. The complaints expressed concerns about health and safety procedures. The inspector

checked that arrangements continue to meet requirements.

- The new proprietor and headteacher have ensured that health and safety and risk assessment policies continue to be fit for purpose. They are implemented effectively and the health and safety coordinator works diligently to ensure that any reported issues are dealt with in a timely manner.
- Suitable risk assessments are completed, by the health and safety coordinator, for activities and trips as required. They are appropriately detailed and contain relevant control measures.
- The proprietor ensures compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Checks on fire safety equipment are made by the health and safety coordinator and recorded in line with requirements. With the transfer of school ownership there has been a delay in ensuring that the safety of electrical equipment is retested; however, the work is to be undertaken during the next school holiday closure.
- An appropriate first aid policy is in place and procedures are clear. Staff have received training and an appropriate number are qualified in paediatric first aid. The proprietor ensures that staff maintain records of accidents and incidents and take appropriate actions to ensure the safety and well-being of pupils. School staff are deployed appropriately to ensure the safe supervision of pupils.
- The proprietor ensures that an admission and attendance register is maintained in accordance with regulations.
- These standards continue to be met.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 25

- This standard was judged to be met at the time of the previous inspection.
- The new proprietor has undertaken a full review of the school's accommodation and premises to ensure that they continue to be maintained to an appropriate standard to ensure the health, safety and welfare of pupils.
- A maintenance programme is in place to further improve aspects of the accommodation in order to improve the quality of provision for pupils.
- This standard continues to be met.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraphs 32(1), 32(1)(a), 32(1)(b), 32(1)(d), 32(1)(e), 32(1)(f), 32(1)(g)

- These standards were judged to be met at the previous inspection.
- Information relating to the curriculum is provided for parents and is accessible on the school's website. The new proprietor and headteacher are currently reviewing the curriculum in preparation for the next academic year.
- An appropriate teaching, learning and assessment policy is in place. It is available to parents on the website. The assessment of pupils' progress by teachers ensures that pupils make good progress according to their abilities.
- Annual written reports are provided by teachers for pupils and their parents detailing progress and attainment in the subject areas taught in the school. The new proprietor

intends to continue the existing system of reporting pupils' progress to parents.

- A copy of the school's previous inspection report is accessible to parents on the website.

Paragraphs 32(1)(h), 32(1)(i) and 32(1)(j)

- No pupils are wholly or partly funded by a local authority. None of the pupils in the school with an education, health and care (EHC) plan is funded by a local authority. As the result of detailed planning to meet pupils' learning needs, the school provides well for these pupils.

Paragraphs 32(2), 32(2)(a), 32(2)(b), 32(2)(b)(i), 32(2)(b)(ii), 32(2)(c) and 32(2)(d)

- The new proprietor has ensured that all the necessary information and contact details are included on the school's website. Currently the school does not have a governing body.
- With the change of proprietor since the previous standard inspection, a clear statement of the school's ethos and aims has been maintained on the website. This is being reviewed as planning begins for the next academic year.

Paragraphs 32(3), 32(3)(a), 32(3)(b), 32(3)(c), 32(3)(d), 32(3)(e), 32(3)(f), 32(3)(g), 32(4), 32(4)(a), 32(4)(b), 32(4)(c) and 32(5)

- Information is provided for parents in relation to arrangements for pupils' admission, misbehaviour and exclusions. Details of the school's academic performance during the preceding school year are included on the website.
- The proprietor and headteacher have ensured that information relating to the promotion of good behaviour, anti-bullying, health, safety and the welfare of pupils and the administration of first aid is accessible to parents.
- All of the standards in this part continue to be met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraphs 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c) and 34(2)

- At the time of the previous standard inspection these standards were judged to be met.
- The new proprietor and headteacher have worked diligently to ensure that leadership in and management of the school have been sustained during the period of changing ownership. The headteacher and the proprietor regularly monitor the quality of the school's work.
- The proprietor has high expectations for all pupils. Leaders show a drive and determination to ensure that pupils have every opportunity to succeed academically and to become confident, self-assured citizens.
- The culture of the school continues to promote pupils' welfare effectively. The proprietor and headteacher are preparing an action plan to take the school forward and to sustain its quality during a period of change.
- These standards continue to be 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. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

School details

Unique reference number	103573
DfE registration number	330/6048
Inspection number	10100682

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 school
Age range of pupils	3 to 11
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	69
Number of part-time pupils	9
Proprietor	Kaan Academic Ltd
Director	Mr Shahid Khan
Headteacher	Mrs Karen Dawes
Annual fees (day pupils)	Nursery/Foundation: £5,973 Infants: £5,724 Juniors: £6,252
Telephone number	0121 744 2743
Website	www.rosslynschool.co.uk
Email address	office@rosslynschool.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	7–9 November 2017

Information about this school

- Rosslyn Independent School is a non-selective day school for girls and boys on a single site in Hall Green, Birmingham. It is registered with the Department for Education (DfE) to provide full-time and part-time education for up to 102 pupils. There are currently 69 full-time and 9 part-time pupils on roll.
- The school was first established in 1927 and has been operating as a primary school since 1957.

- The proprietor has changed since the previous standard inspection, and a new headteacher appointed. The information relating to the proprietor on the government's 'Collect' portal is accurate and was confirmed on 21 March 2019. The DfE was informed of the proposed change before it took place in October 2018.
- The school provides before- and after-school care for pupils who attend the school.
- Pupils come from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds. The majority of pupils speak English as their first language.
- The school does not use any other site or provision.

Information about this inspection

- This emergency inspection was carried out with no notice to the school, as the result of complaints received by the Department of Education. These related to safeguarding, health and safety, the welfare of pupils and the leadership in and management of the school.
- At the time of the previous standard inspection in November 2017, the school's overall effectiveness was judged to be good.
- This is the first inspection since the school's previous standard inspection.
- The inspector met with the new proprietor, the headteacher and members of staff. A tour of the school premises and accommodation was made with the headteacher and a meeting held with the health and safety coordinator.
- The inspector scrutinised relevant documentation relating to safeguarding; the health, safety and welfare of pupils; the maintenance of the school premises and accommodation; the provision of information; and the quality of leadership in, and management of, the school.
- The inspector viewed the school's website to ensure that appropriate information and documents are accessible.
- There were too few recent responses to Ofsted's online survey, Parent View, to consider as part of the inspection.

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