

Leicester Preparatory School

2 Albert Road, Stoneygate, Leicester, Leicestershire LE2 2AA

Inspection dates

25 September 2019

Overall outcome

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

Main inspection findings

Part 1. Quality of education provided

Paragraph 2(1), 2(1)(a)

- The previous inspection found that the school did not meet the requirements of this paragraph. Curriculum policies and schemes of work were out of date and did not match what was being taught in the classroom.
- The proprietor has appointed a new headteacher, who has drawn up a new curriculum policy and schemes of work. The curriculum policy sets out in detail the aims, vision and values of the curriculum and shows how the school will give pupils experience in linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical and aesthetic and creative education. For example, pupils will take part in poetry declamations, and their work will contribute to art displays.
- Each subject now has its own curriculum policy that sets out the overall aims and objectives for each subject. The medium-term plans provide the detail of what pupils will learn and when. The plans build sequentially on what has been learned previously and prepares pupils well for the next stage of their learning. For example, in Years 5 and 6 pupils learn about the Norman invasion, which prepares them well for key stage 3 history. These plans have been shared with parents.
- Teachers now provide weekly plans which show how they use the medium-term plans to plan the activities that pupils will learn.
- Leaders have ensured that the requirements in paragraph 2(1) and 2(1)(a) have now been met.
- The standards in part 1 are now met in full.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraph 32(1)(b), 32(3)(e)

- The previous inspection found that leaders did not publish particulars of the school's academic performance during the preceding year, including results of any public examinations, and did not provide this information to parents of pupils and parents of

prospective pupils.

- School leaders have now ensured that performance information for 2018 and 2019 has been added to the school's website.
- The published information includes standardised scores in English and mathematics for pupils in each year groups. This information is now available for parents of current pupils and parents of prospective pupils.
- Leaders have ensured that the requirements of paragraph 32(1)(b), 32(3)(e) have now been met.
- The standards in part 6 are now fully 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 1. Quality of education provided

- 2(1) The standard in this paragraph is met if–
 - 1(a) the proprietor ensures that a written policy on the curriculum, supported by appropriate plans and schemes of work, which provide for the matters specified in sub-paragraph (2) is drawn up and implemented effectively.

Part 6. Provision of information

- 32(1) The standard about the provision of information will be met if the proprietor ensures that–
 - 32(1)(b) the information specified in sub-paragraph 3 is made available to parents of pupils and parents of prospective pupils, and on the request, to the Chief Inspector, the Secretary of State or an independent inspectorate.
- 32(3) The information specified in this sub-paragraph is–
 - 32(3)(e) particulars of the school's academic performance during the preceding school year, including the results of any public examinations.

School details

Unique reference number	120329
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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	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	83
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	Francis Fernandes
Headteacher	Charles Stafford Northcote
Annual fees (day pupils)	£8,550
Telephone number	01162 707414
Website	www.leicesterprep.co.uk
Email address	office@leicesterprep.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	9–11 May 2018

Information about this school

- Leicester Preparatory School is a day school.
- The school is registered to admit up to 150 pupils between the ages of three and 11. There are 83 pupils on the roll.
- A new headteacher joined the school in August 2019.
- The previous standard inspection took place from 9 to 11 May 2018 and received a requires improvement judgement.
- The school submitted an action plan indicating how it would tackle the unmet standards. This plan was deemed unacceptable by Ofsted in March 2019.

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 that it was judged to not comply with at its previous inspection.
- The inspection was carried out with no notice to the school.
- Following the last standard inspection, the Department for Education (DfE) required the school to prepare an action plan. Ofsted evaluated plans in June and September 2018, and in January and April 2019. The DfE judged the plans to be unacceptable.
- The inspector met with the headteacher, the proprietor and an education consultant who supports school leaders. The inspector also met with the designated safeguarding leader.
- The inspector visited lessons and looked at pupils' workbooks. He spoke with pupils at breaktime.
- A wide range of documents were examined. These included the school's most recent action plan, the school's curriculum policy, schemes of work and teachers' planning and safeguarding documents.

Inspection team

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