Kent House Hospital School

Crockenhill Road, St Mary Cray, Orpington, Kent BR5 4EP

Inspection dates	3 and 4 October 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, 16, 16(a), 16(b), 25, 34 (1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c)

- At the previous inspection, the premises were not compliant with fire safety legislation. Visits by the London Fire Brigade and an external fire risk assessor identified multiple areas that contravened the minimum requirements. Healthcare and education leaders had failed to seek and examine the available evidence in order to check the school's compliance with legislation.
- This inspection confirmed that healthcare and education leaders have worked together successfully to implement fully the school's action plan. Leaders have used significant investment to bring the premises up to the required standards, including in relation to fire doors, emergency lighting, smoke detection and alarms. External fire risk assessors carried out a fire risk assessment on 4 October 2019 and confirmed that the premises now comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- Leaders now check compliance with all the independent school standards with greater accuracy than in the past.
- The school's approach to safeguarding complies with all statutory requirements. A suitable safeguarding policy is available online. The inspection found that the school's culture of, and commitment to, keeping pupils as safe as possible remains strong. Now that the fire safety concerns have been resolved, pupils' safety is no longer at risk.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards checked during this inspection 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.
- 12 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- 16 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that-
  - 16(a) the welfare of pupils at the school is safeguarded and promoted by the drawing up and effective implementation of a written risk assessment policy; and
  - 16(b) appropriate action is taken to reduce risks that are identified.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

- 25 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that the school premises and the accommodation and facilities provided therein are maintained to a standard such that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of pupils are ensured.

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 roles 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	Hospital school for pupils sectioned under the Mental Health Act
School status	Independent special school
Age range of pupils	12 to 18
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	12
Number of part-time pupils	None
Proprietor	Partnerships in Care Ltd (part of Priory Education & Children's Services)
Chair	Andy Cobley
Headteacher	Tina Gornell
Annual fees (day pupils)	£33,250
Telephone number	01689 883180
Website	www.priorychildresservices.co.uk
Email address	KentHouseHospitalSchool@priorygroup.com
Date of previous standard inspection	30 April–2 May 2019

Information about this school

- Kent House Hospital School is an independent special school in the London Borough of Bromley. Pupils attend the school following admission to the hospital.
- The school is part of, and governed by, Priory Education & Children's Services.
- The school is registered for boys and girls.
- There is no separate sixth-form provision for pupils aged over 16.
- The school's most recent inspection was a full standard inspection in May 2019.

- Pupils are placed in the school by a range of local authorities.
- The school makes no use of alternative providers.

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 to not comply with at its previous inspection.
- Since the school's full standard inspection in May 2019, leaders were asked to submit an action plan. Ofsted judged the school's action plan to be acceptable. It was subsequently accepted by the Department for Education (DfE).
- The DfE requested that this first progress monitoring inspection consider whether particular independent school standards contained within Parts 3, 5 and 8 are now met.
- The inspection was conducted without notice.
- The inspector conducted the on-site inspection on 3 October 2019. He met the headteacher and the executive headteacher. He had a tour of the premises with the support services manager and reviewed key documents and policies in relation to the independent school standards that were checked. On 4 October 2019, following an external fire risk assessment visit during the day, the inspector spoke with the fire safety officer and considered the written fire safety risk assessment report.
- There were no recent responses to Ofsted's online survey for parents and carers, Parent View, to consider.

Inspection team

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