

Kensington Wade

205 Warwick Road, London W14 8PU

Inspection date

12 November 2019

Overall outcome

The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material change relating to the school provision is implemented.

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7, 11, 12, 14 and 16

- Leaders' approach to keeping the school's pupils safe continues to meet the requirements of the independent school standards. The school's policy reflects the latest statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State and is published online. Staff at all levels are suitably trained and any concerns are raised quickly and thoroughly recorded.
- The school's health and safety and risk assessment policies continue to be implemented well. Leaders have carefully considered the potential risks presented if pupil numbers increase. Leaders have taken appropriate action to minimise these risks.
- Fire safety systems and equipment are generally well maintained. The most recent fire risk assessment for the premises in April 2019 judged the building's risk level to be 'tolerable' and identified several recommendations. All but one have been completed. Leaders explained that the remaining action regarding faulty dampers is being remedied as rapidly as possible. Since the previous external check in August 2019, monthly emergency lighting checks have not been completed and logged. At the request of the inspector, a check of all emergency lighting was undertaken on the afternoon of this inspection and was found to be in full working order. Leaders took effective action to ensure that these necessary checks will be consistently carried out and logged from now on. Overall, the school is compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. This is likely to continue to be the case if pupil numbers increase.
- The school operates to a ratio of one adult for every 10 pupils. Leaders have planned to ensure that this remains the case if pupil numbers increase.
- Leaders have ensured that all the relevant independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if pupil numbers increase from September 2020.

Part 4. Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors

Paragraphs 18 to 21

- The single central record of vetting checks on staff is fully compliant and includes all the required checks on all employees, governors and proprietors.
- Leaders have ensured that all the relevant independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if pupil numbers increase from September 2020.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The school's shared premises with Kensington Primary Academy are modern, safe, secure and well maintained. They include four large classrooms, a suitable medical room, plentiful toilet and washing facilities for pupils, labelled drinking water supplies and a suitable outdoor roof playground for recreation and physical education. The standards relating to indoor and outdoor lighting, hot water supplies, acoustics and health and safety are all likely to be met if the material change to increase pupil numbers is implemented. The premises can comfortably accommodate 100 pupils.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if pupil numbers increase from September 2020.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34

- Leaders have planned effectively for an increase in pupil numbers from September 2020. As a result, they have ensured that all the relevant independent school standards, including those in this part, are likely to continue to be met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school is likely to meet the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that are relevant to the material change.

School details

Unique reference number	144965
DfE registration number	207/6014
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This inspection was carried out under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Primary day school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Anglo Chinese School of London Ltd
Chair	Hugo De Burgh
Headteacher	Jo Wallace
Annual fees (day pupils)	£17,925
Telephone number	020 3096 2888
Website	www.kensingtonwade.com
Email address	head@kensingtonwade.com
Date of previous standard inspection	1–3 May 2018

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	3 to 11	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	61	100	100

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	No change
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	22	Up to 80
Number of part-time pupils	5	Up to 10
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	None	Up to 10
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	None	Up to 5
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	None	Up to 5

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	9	12
Number of part-time teaching staff	1	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	2	No change

Information about this school

- Kensington Wade is a dual-language independent primary day school in the London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Pupils learn in English and Chinese.
- The school's most recent inspection was a full standard inspection in May 2018, when its overall effectiveness was judged to be outstanding.

Information about this inspection

- This first material change inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education to consider the school's original application to increase its pupil numbers from 80 to 90. The inspector was asked to consider whether the school is likely to continue to comply with some of the requirements in Parts 3, 4, 5 and 8 of the independent school standards if the material change is implemented.
- The inspection was conducted with the headteacher, who asked the inspector to consider an increase in number to 100 (rather than 90) pupils from September 2020. The inspector toured the premises and considered a range of relevant documentation, such as policies, risk assessments and fire safety records. He also met with the deputy headteacher and spoke with those responsible for the premises.
- The inspection was conducted with two days' notice.
- There were no recent responses to Ofsted Parent View to consider as part of this inspection.

Inspection team

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