

# Hope View School

Station Approach, Chilham, Canterbury CT4 8EG and Perry Court, Garlinge Green, Chartham CT4 5RU

## Inspection dates

22 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*

- The school's health and safety, fire safety and risk assessment policies are suitable and likely to be implemented well at the additional premises. Leaders have carefully considered the potential risks presented when pupil numbers increase from January 2020 onwards. Leaders have thoroughly documented the appropriate actions they have taken, and intend to take, to minimise these risks.
- Fire safety systems and equipment are all new at the additional premises. The most recent external fire risk assessment for the premises in September 2019 identified several recommendations, which have all been completed during the refurbishment process. Leaders are ready to log all the required checks once the premises are in use from January 2020. The school is likely to continue to be compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 if the material change is implemented.
- Leaders have planned to maintain a ratio of approximately one adult to every five pupils at the additional premises. A recruitment process to find and employ additional staff is underway.
- Leaders' approach to keeping its 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. Staff are suitably trained, and any concerns are raised quickly, and then thoroughly recorded. Designated leaders have a secure understanding of the latest guidance, and of the specific risks faced by the pupils in their care. The culture of safeguarding is likely to continue to be strong if the material change is implemented.
- 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 January 2020.

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

##### *All paragraphs*

- The single central register of vetting checks on staff is fully compliant and includes all the required checks on all employees, consultants and the 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 January 2020.

#### Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

##### *All paragraphs*

- The school's new, additional premises comprise a converted house and a modern block of classrooms. The premises have been refurbished and are likely to be safe, secure and suitable when they are fully completed in time for primary-aged pupils to use them from January 2020 onwards. Accommodation includes eight large classrooms, a suitable medical room, plentiful toilet and washing facilities for pupils, labelled drinking water supplies and suitable playground and gardens 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 70 pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if pupil numbers increase from January 2020.

#### Part 6. Provision of information

##### *Paragraph 32(1), 32(1)(c)*

- Leaders have published the school's child protection policy online, as per this requirement.

#### Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

##### *Paragraph 34*

- Leaders have planned effectively for an increase in pupil numbers, using suitable additional premises. 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 if the material change is implemented.

## **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 | 135438   |
| DfE registration number | 886/6123 |
| Inspection number       | 10119550 |

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.

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| Type of school                       | Special day school for boys  |
| School status                        | Independent special school   |
| Proprietor                           | Carmichael Education Ltd   |
| Chair                                | Carla Lorne  |
| Headteacher                          | Carla Lorne  |
| Annual fees (day pupils)             | £23,400 to £38,000   |
| Telephone number                     | 01227 738 000  |
| Website                              | <a href="http://www.hopeviewschool.co.uk">www.hopeviewschool.co.uk</a>         |
| Email address                        | <a href="mailto:contact@hopeviewschool.co.uk">contact@hopeviewschool.co.uk</a> |
| Date of previous standard inspection | 25–27 June 2019  |

## Pupils

|                                     | School's current position | School's proposal | Inspector's recommendation |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Age range of pupils                 | 7 to 18                   | No change         | Not applicable             |
| Number of pupils on the school roll | 60                        | 130               | 130                        |

## Pupils

|                  | School's current position | School's proposal |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Gender of pupils | Boys                      | No change         |

|  |            |           |
|--|------------|-----------|
| Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age  | 57         | Up to 120 |
| Number of part-time pupils   | None       | No change |
| Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities  | All pupils | No change |
| Of which, number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan                               | All pupils | No change |
| Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan | All pupils | No change |

## Staff

|   | School's current position | School's proposal |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff | 15                        | 17                |
| Number of part-time teaching staff            | None                      | None              |
| Number of staff in the welfare provision      | 16                        | 19                |

## Information about this school

- Hope View School is an independent special day school for boys in Kent. It serves pupils with education, health and care plans for their autism spectrum disorders and social, emotional and mental health difficulties.
- The school's most recent inspection was a full standard inspection in June 2019, when its overall effectiveness was judged to be good.
- Information about the school's proprietorship is currently incorrect on 'Getting Information About Schools'. The proprietor is Carmichael Education Ltd. The chair of the proprietorial board, and the substantive headteacher, is Carla Lorne. The other member of the proprietorial body, Michael Lorne, also fulfils the role of deputy

headteacher. The proprietors are supported by a team of consultants, who fulfil the role of governing body.

- From January 2020, the school will use both its existing main premises and new, additional premises. They are approximately three miles apart. The additional premises will be for primary-aged pupils, and are located at Perry Court, Garlinge Green, Chatham CT4 5RU.
- The school makes use of two alternative providers where older pupils work towards vocational qualifications: Catch 22 and Chalk Hill Farm.

## Information about this inspection

- This first material change inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education to consider the school's application to increase its pupil numbers from 60 to 130. 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 proprietors, who also fulfil the roles of headteacher and deputy headteacher. The inspector toured the new additional premises and considered a range of relevant documentation, such as policies, risk assessments and fire safety information. He also met with the designated safeguarding leader and checked the school's single central register of vetting checks.
- The inspection was conducted with two days of notice.
- There were not enough recent responses on Ofsted Parent View to consider as part of this inspection.

## Inspection team

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