

Kestrel House School

104 Crouch Hill, Crouch End, London N8 9EA

Inspection dates

12 December 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 culture of safeguarding in this school for especially vulnerable pupils, many of whom are non-verbal, 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 implemented well. Staff at all levels are suitably trained, any concerns are raised quickly, suitably dealt with and thoroughly recorded on the school's online system. As a result, pupils are kept as safe as possible and this is likely to continue if the number of pupils increases.
- The school's health and safety and risk assessment policies continue to be implemented well. Leaders have carefully considered the potential risks presented if the number of pupils increases, and taken appropriate action to minimise these risks.
- Fire safety systems and equipment are well maintained. All the required checks are made and logged, and suitable action is taken to minimise the risk of fire. The school is compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. This is likely to continue to be the case if the number of pupils increases.
- The school operates to an approximate ratio of one adult for every two pupils. Leaders have planned to ensure that this remains the case if the number of pupils increases from 32 to 36.
- Leaders have ensured that all the relevant independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if the number of pupils increases from January 2020.

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

All paragraphs

- The single central register of vetting checks is compliant with all the requirements in this part. It 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 the material change is implemented and the number of pupils increases.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The school's premises are safe, secure, clean and well maintained. They include six large classrooms, a suitable medical room, plentiful toilet and washing facilities for pupils, labelled drinking water supplies and a suitable outdoor 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 continue to be met if the material change to increase the number of pupils is implemented.
- The premises can comfortably accommodate 36 pupils.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if the number of pupils increases from January 2020.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraph 32(1), 32(1)(c)

- The school's child protection policy is readily available online. This requirement continues to be met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34

- Leaders have planned effectively for an increase in pupil numbers from January 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 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	135683
DfE registration number	309/6002
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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	All-through day school for pupils with autism spectrum disorder
School status	Independent special school
Proprietor	Acorn Care and Education Ltd
Chair	David Leatherbarrow
Headteacher	Lorna Bailey
Annual fees (day pupils)	£49,950 to £75,692
Telephone number	020 8348 8500
Website	www.kestrelhouseschool.co.uk
Email address	admin@kestrelhouseschool.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	5–7 February 2019

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	5 to 16	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	32	36	36

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	No change

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	All pupils	No change
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 an education, health and care plan	All pupils	No change
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with 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	6	No change
Number of part-time teaching staff	None	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	26	32

Information about this school

- Kestrel House School is a special day school for pupils with autism spectrum disorder. It is located in the London Borough of Haringey. All pupils have education, health and care plans, and are funded by their local authorities.
- The school's most recent inspection was a full standard inspection in February 2019, when its overall effectiveness was judged to be good and all the independent school standards were judged to be met.
- The school makes no use of alternative provision.
- The school currently has 32 pupils on roll. This breaches its registration agreement with the Department for Education, which allows for a maximum capacity of 30 pupils.

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 30 to 36. 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, 6 and 8 of the independent school standards if the material change is implemented.
- The inspection was conducted with the headteacher. The inspector toured the premises with the school's health and safety officer. He also met with two senior leaders representing the proprietorial body and a deputy safeguarding leader. The inspector considered a range of relevant documentation, such as policies, risk assessments and fire safety records.
- The inspection was conducted with two days of notice.
- There were no recent responses on Ofsted Parent View to consider as part of this inspection.

Inspection team

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