

Park View Academy

146–148 Parkview Road, Welling, Kent DA16 1SR

Inspection dates

10 March 2020

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, 16 and 32(1)

- The culture of safeguarding in this school for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) continues to meet the requirements of the independent school standards.
- The school's child protection policy reflects the latest statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State and is implemented well. It is published online.
- Staff are suitably trained, any concerns are raised quickly, suitably dealt with, and thoroughly recorded by the designated safeguarding leader.
- Pupils are closely monitored and cared for, and are kept as safe as possible as a result. This is likely to continue if pupil numbers increase.
- The school's health and safety and risk assessment policies are implemented well. Leaders have carefully considered the potential risks presented if pupil numbers increase, and taken appropriate action to minimise these risks.
- Fire safety systems and equipment are mostly new, and all are well maintained. All the required checks are made and logged, and suitable action is taken to minimise the risk of fire. Some external checks are due this month, and there is one outstanding, scheduled action relating to fire doors. 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 an approximate ratio of one adult for every two pupils. Leaders have planned to ensure this remains the case if pupil numbers increase from 30 to 40.
- 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.

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 employees and the proprietor.
- 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.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The school's premises are safe, secure, clean and well maintained.
- The new extension includes two new classrooms, a large, open-plan space, a kitchen area and an office. It is connected to the existing premises. The premises can now comfortably accommodate 40 pupils.
- There are suitable toilet and washing facilities for pupils, labelled drinking water supplies, and changing and shower facilities.
- 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 pupil numbers is implemented.
- Pupils continue to go off site to local leisure centres and parks for recreation and physical education.
- At the time of this inspection, a classroom was out of use because of a roof leak. This was scheduled to be resolved in the coming week.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if pupil numbers increase to 40 pupils.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34

- Leaders have planned effectively to increase their number on roll to 40 pupils.
- 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	138386
DfE registration number	303/6000
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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	Day special school
School status	Independent special school
Proprietor	Philip Hoppenbrouwers
Headteacher	Richard Johnson
Annual fees (day pupils)	£39,683 to £71,858
Telephone number	020 3137 3630
Website	www.parkviewacademy.co.uk
Email address	richard.johnson@alpschools.org
Date of previous standard inspection	30 April–2 May 2019

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	7 to 19	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	29 (capacity 30)	Up to 40	Up to 40

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 40
Number of part-time pupils	None	No change
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	29	Up to 40
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	29	Up to 40
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	29	Up to 40

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	8	13
Number of part-time teaching staff	None	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	11	16

Information about this school

- Park View Academy is one of three schools in the ALP schools group. All pupils have education, health and care plans. Most pupils have autism spectrum disorder and/or social, emotional and mental health needs. Pupils are placed and funded by their local authorities.

- The school's previous inspection was its most recent full standard inspection. This inspection took place in May 2019 and judged the school's overall effectiveness to be good.
- The school makes use of three alternative providers. They are: Archway, Thamesmead SE2 9BC (for motor mechanics); Animal Days Out, Welling DA16 3AD (for animal therapy); and Squirrells Riding School, Kent ME5 9RG (for horse riding).

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 maximum number of pupils from 30 to 40.
- I was asked to consider whether the school is likely to continue to comply with the requirements in Parts 3, 4, 5 and 8 of the independent school standards if the material change is implemented.
- I conducted the inspection with the headteacher. I toured the school and considered a range of relevant documentation, including risk assessments, policies and safeguarding information. I met with the managing director and the designated safeguarding leader. I spoke to pupils and staff informally as I toured the school, and observed an unplanned fire evacuation.
- The inspection was conducted with two days of notice.
- There were no recent responses on Ofsted's Parent View survey to consider as part of this inspection.

Inspection team

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