

Rikkyo School in England

Rikkyo School in England Trust

30 October 2019

Guildford Road, Rudgwick, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 3BE

Overall outcome

Residential provision

The school meets all of the national minimum standards that were checked during this inspection

Context of the inspection

The school was inspected on 30 April 2019 to 1 May 2019. It was judged to be good, with three breaches of the national minimum standards (NMS). This monitoring visit was conducted to assess the provider's progress in meeting NMS 11, due to the action plan lacking sufficient detail.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Leaders have undertaken a review of the school's safeguarding and child protection policies. The revised documents are in line with the host authority's (West Sussex) guidance. Furthermore, the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and the deputy DSL have met with the local multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH). Records of this meeting were sampled, and these demonstrate that the DSLs have a clear understanding of the safeguarding referral process and have improved their professional links with the host authority.

The DSLs have both attended recent safeguarding training and seminars. They have demonstrated the impact of this training by making relevant referrals and seeking consultation from the MASH team regarding safeguarding matters. The headmaster has also commissioned the Boarding Schools Association (BSA) to undertake an audit of the safeguarding policies and procedures to further satisfy themselves that the recent changes are effective.

A trustee attended a conference in September 2019 to enhance their safeguarding understanding. Consequently, their next report had a greater focus on safeguarding. The quality of the trustee reports will be further assessed by the BSA safeguarding audit.

Compliance with national minimum standards for boarding schools

The school now meets the following national minimum standards for boarding schools

- The school ensures that: arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school; and such arrangements have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State. (11.1)
- This standard is met.

School details

Unique reference number	SC014681
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DfE registration number	938
Inspection number	10125244

The inspection of boarding provision was carried out under the Children Act 1989, as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000, having regard to the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

Type of school	Boarding school
School status	Independent boarding school
Age range of pupils	10–18
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	169
Number of boarders on roll	169
Headteacher	Toru Okano
Head of boarding/residential provision	Toru Okano
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Date of previous boarding inspection	30 April 2019

Information about this school

The Rikkyo School in England was first established in 1972 and is situated on the West Sussex/Surrey border, close to the village of Rudgwick. Rikkyo is an independent, co-educational school acknowledged by the Department of Education in Japan. All the boarding accommodation is located within the school grounds. At the time of the inspection, there were 169 students boarding at the school. The boarding provision was last inspected in May 2019.

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 national minimum standards that it was judged to not comply with at its previous inspection.

Inspection team

Sarah Olliver, lead inspector

Social care regulatory inspector

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