

Edith Kay Independent School

32 Crouch Road, London NW10 8HR

Inspection date

29 May 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 1. Quality of education provided

All paragraphs

- These standards were not checked in detail as part of this inspection, as agreed with the Department for Education (DfE). They were checked and judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020.
- The headteacher and proprietor confirm that, if the material change is granted, the additional pupils would follow one of the four existing curriculum programmes offered by the school, according to need. All the additional pupils would, like existing pupils, have an education, health and care (EHC) plan. Individual learning programmes would be bespoke to each pupil.

Part 2. Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils

All paragraphs

- These standards were not checked in detail as part of this inspection, as agreed with the DfE. They were checked and judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020.

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

All paragraphs

- These standards were not checked in detail as part of this inspection, as agreed with the DfE. They were checked and judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020.

Paragraphs 7, 7(a), 7(b)

- The school's safeguarding policy was checked as part of this inspection. Appropriate arrangements are in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the

school, with these arrangements having due regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Paragraphs 11, 12, 13, 16(a) and 16(b)

- At the inspection in February 2020, it was understood that the EK Centre, 28 Green Street, Enfield EN3 7HQ was an alternative provision used by the school. The EK Centre premises were not visited as part of the February 2020 inspection, although inspectors did have telephone conversations with staff based there. Inspectors also spoke with pupils based at the EK Centre and with their parents. No concerns were raised consequent to these discussions. During this material change inspection, the headteacher and proprietor stated that the EK Centre is, in fact, owned by the proprietor and is therefore an additional part of the school's provision on a different site to the main school. At present, only two pupils are educated full time at the EK Centre.
- The Part 3 independent school standards relating to the Crouch Road site were checked and all judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020. During the video conference for this material change inspection, the headteacher and proprietor confirmed that all the school's policies and procedures in relation to welfare, health and safety apply across the main school site and the EK Centre. However, because this material change inspection was conducted remotely, I am not able to provide the full level of assurance that the individual standards listed above are likely to be met in relation to the EK Centre.

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

All paragraphs

- These standards were not checked in detail as part of this inspection, as agreed with the DfE. They were checked and judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020.
- The headteacher and proprietor have stated it is likely that additional teaching staff will be appointed in humanities and citizenship, and additional staff to support pupils' transition. These appointments are in response to the February 2020 inspection, as well as to add capacity if the material change is granted.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The Part 5 independent school standards relating to the Crouch Road site were checked and judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020.
- The headteacher and proprietor report that there is sufficient capacity at the Crouch Road site for accommodating the additional pupils from this material change, including taking account of social distancing requirements during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. No adaption or extension of the current accommodation at Crouch Road is required.

- As with Part 3, during the video conference for this inspection, the headteacher and proprietor confirmed that all the school's policies and procedures in relation to premises and accommodation apply across both the main school site at Crouch Road and at the EK Centre. However, because this material change inspection was conducted remotely, I am not able to provide the full level of assurance that the standards in Part 5 are likely to be met in relation to the additional premises at the EK Centre.

Part 6. Provision of information

All paragraphs

- These standards were not checked in detail as part of this inspection, as agreed with the DfE. They were checked and judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020.

Part 7. Manner in which complaints are handled

All paragraphs

- These standards were not checked in detail as part of this inspection, as agreed with the DfE. They were checked and judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

All paragraphs

- These standards were not checked in detail as part of this inspection, as agreed with the DfE. They were checked and judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020.

Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010

- This requirement was not checked in detail as part of this inspection, as agreed with the DfE. It was checked and judged to be met at the full inspection in February 2020.

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	144796
DfE registration number	304/6006
Inspection number	10153126

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	Other independent special school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Ibrahim Adedayo Adeagbo
Chair	Jill Gander
Headteacher	Karen Dwyer-Burchill
Annual fees (day pupils)	£38,475 to £68,400
Telephone number	0208 961 4204
Website	www.edithkayschool.com
Email address	headteacher@edithkayschool.com
Date of previous standard inspection	11–13 February 2020

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	14 to 19	14 to 19	14 to 19
Number of pupils on the school roll	13	20	20

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Mixed

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	12	Up to 20
Number of part-time pupils	1	Up to 20
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	13	20
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	13	20
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	13	20

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	10.5	12.5
Number of part-time teaching staff	5	5
Number of staff in the welfare provision	4	5

Information about this school

- Edith Kay Independent School is a small school. The main school site is located in the London Borough of Brent, with a smaller annex in the London Borough of Enfield. It is currently registered to admit up to 15 pupils aged between 14 and 19.
- The school caters for pupils with a variety of special educational needs and/or disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder. All pupils have an EHC plan.
- The school underwent a full inspection in February 2020 when it was judged good overall with all independent school standards met.
- The school currently uses two alternative providers:

- Abianda, Unit 2K, Leeroy House, 436 Essex Road, London N1 3QP
- Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre, Woodmans Mews, Shepherd's Bush, London W12 0HU

Information about this inspection

- The school has applied to the DfE to make a material change to its registration, increasing the maximum number of pupils on roll from 15 to 20. At the DfE's request, I checked whether the school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the DfE decides to approve the change. This inspection was carried out under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002.
- This inspection was conducted remotely. This was due to restrictions placed on non-essential travel during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Because the school had only very recently undergone a full inspection under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, it was agreed with the DfE that it would not be necessary to undertake further checks for all of the independent school standards as these standards had been judged met in February 2020.
- I held a video conference with the headteacher and the proprietor to ascertain the reasons for the material change request and proposed arrangements for accommodating additional pupils.

Inspection team

Mark Phillips, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

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