

New Barn School

Guildford Road, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 3PQ

Inspection dates

29 September 2020

Overall outcome

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

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 7, 7(a), 7(b)

- As a routine part of the inspection, the inspector checked the school's arrangements for safeguarding. These standards were met at the school's standard inspection in May 2018.
- The school's safeguarding policy, which is published on the school's website, is compliant with current guidelines. Staff receive routine updates on all aspects of safeguarding. Their training is up to date. This includes appropriate training for leaders who have enhanced safeguarding responsibilities.
- These standards remain met.

Paragraphs 9, 9(a), 9(b), 9(c), 14

- One focus of this inspection was to check whether the school's behaviour policy is adequate and implemented effectively. These standards were met at the school's standard inspection in May 2018.
- The school's written behaviour policy is fit for purpose. It provides guidance for staff and pupils and describes the rewards and sanctions that staff should use to support pupils to manage their own behaviour.
- The school keeps records of any inappropriate behaviour. These are detailed and closely linked to a pupil's individual risk assessment. Records describe any possible antecedents to the behaviour displayed and how the incident was managed.
- Staff are deployed well to work with the pupils. They know when pupils are getting anxious. As a result, they quickly adapt what they are doing to help restore calm and reduce incidents of poor behaviour.
- During this inspection, pupils were appropriately supervised. Pupils say that staff are kind and care for them. They feel safe. Staff and parents spoken with say that they also feel pupils are safe and that the school manages behaviour well.
- These standards remain met.

Paragraph 16, 16(a), 16(b)

- The school has implemented an effective risk assessment policy. Detailed and comprehensive risk assessments are undertaken for all individual pupils. Staff are fully involved in considering appropriate strategies to meet the specific needs of pupils and to mitigate any risks established.
- All school visits are risk assessed and actions are planned to reduce the identified risks. School leaders carry out detailed risk assessments for a range of different activities, including work experience placements.
- These standards remain met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c)

- Leaders are clear about their statutory obligations and the extent of their responsibilities to maintain the independent school standards. They ensure that all necessary checks are made when appointing new staff and can demonstrate that they take appropriate action to keep very vulnerable pupils safe.
- Records of safeguarding incidents are well maintained and provide a full overview of the actions taken to protect pupils. The head of inclusion is suitably trained to lead and manage the school's safeguarding arrangements.
- School leaders receive regular support from directors. Directors have a clear understanding of the school's safeguarding procedures and work effectively with leaders to ensure that both staff and pupils are kept safe.
- These standards remain met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that were checked during this inspection. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

School details

Unique reference number	143400
DfE registration number	938/6002
Inspection number	10163856

This inspection was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's suitability for continued registration as an independent school.

Type of school	Other independent special school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	7 to 19
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	55
Proprietor	Treehouse Educare Ltd
Chair	Amanda Rogers
Executive Principal	Simon Reynolds
Headteacher	Daniel Tresman
Annual fees (day pupils)	£53,000 – £64,000
Telephone number	01403 289 606
Website	www.newbarnschool.co.uk
Email address	info@treehouseeducare.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	15–17 May 2018

Information about this school

- New Barn School is an independent special school for pupils aged between seven and 19 years of age.
- The school caters for young people with autism spectrum disorder. All pupils have an education, health and care plan.

- Since the previous standard inspection in May 2018, the school has received an additional inspection to evaluate the premises and consider a material change. This took place in August 2019.
- Following approval from the Department for Education (DfE) for changes to the school's registration details, the capacity of the school has increased to 68.
- The school does not use any alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was carried out at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. The inspection was prompted by information received by the DfE regarding another provision on the same site as the school. These concerns were considered during this inspection.
- The inspection was carried out with no notice and lasted one day.
- The inspection focused on provision for pupils' welfare, health and safety and leadership and management.
- The inspector met with the executive principal, the headteacher and other staff. In addition, she spoke to the chair of the proprietor body, pupils and parents. She looked at school policies and records, information from pupils and staff, and examined the safeguarding policy and the single central record of employment checks on staff.
- Before the inspection, the inspector checked the school's website and looked at information on the internet.

Inspection team

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