

St Andrew's College

St Andrew's College, St Andrew's Northampton, Fitzroy House, 5 Cliftonville Road NN1 5HQ

Inspection date

24 November 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, 7(a), 7(b), 32, 32(1)(c)

- The headteacher and chair of the proprietor board have ensured that the safeguarding and welfare of pupils remains high priority. They have a comprehensive knowledge of their roles and responsibilities to safeguard pupils. Staff have received up-to-date training to support pupils with safeguarding concerns.
- The safeguarding policy is published on the school's website. Leaders are in the process of reviewing the policy to reflect the latest statutory guidance for schools.

Paragraph 11

- The school has an appropriate health and safety policy. Necessary checks take place regularly. Potential hazards for staff and pupils are carefully considered. For example, leaders plan to check frequently the temperature of the water and the effectiveness of the emergency lighting.

Paragraph 12

- Leaders have ensured that the school premises comply with the relevant fire safety regulations. A fire safety risk assessment has been carried out. Fire safety equipment has been checked and new fire doors have been installed. A suitable alarm system is in place.

Paragraph 16

- Leaders have implemented an effective risk assessment policy. The policy considers the possible health and safety risks within the school environment and beyond. Risk assessments are in place. Leaders have acted to minimise potential health and safety risks for staff, pupils and visitors.
- The school is likely to meet the standards related to health and safety, fire safety and risk assessment if the material change is implemented.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraphs 23(1), 23(1)(a), 23(1)(b), 23(1)(c), 28(1), 28(1)(a), 28(1)(b), 28(1)(c), 28(1)(d), 28(2), 28(2)(a), 28(2)(b)

- The school premises were previously used for healthcare provision. They have been refurbished and converted for use as a school. They are attached to three residential clinical wards.
- There are separate toilet facilities. Washing facilities have hot and cold water supplies. The temperature of the hot water is checked to ensure that there is no risk of scalding.
- When pupils need to change or shower after sporting activities, they will do so within their residential accommodation.
- Drinking water will be available. At the time of the inspection, leaders were waiting for tests on the quality of the water to be confirmed. When they are sure which taps provide water that is suitable for drinking, these will be labelled clearly.

Paragraph 24(1), 24(1)(a), 24(1)(b), 24(1)(c)

- The school is part of an extensive healthcare facility. Pupils are also patients who reside on the three clinical wards. Healthcare professionals work alongside education staff on a daily basis to provide specialist support for pupils. Pupils have immediate access to medical care, if needed.

Paragraphs 25, 26, 27, 27(a), 27(b)

- The premises have been completed to a good standard. Leaders are implementing effective policies and risk assessments to ensure the health, safety and welfare of pupils and staff when using the premises.
- The replacement of some windows with those that meet the appropriate safety standards has been delayed due to COVID-19 (coronavirus). Work has begun to fit the new windows before the school opens.
- Classrooms and other spaces within the school are well-lit. Suitable external lighting is provided to ensure that people can enter and exit the building safely.
- Specific consideration has been given to the acoustic needs of some classrooms. For example, acoustic panels have been fitted to the music and sensory rooms.
- The provision and organisation of resources have been carefully thought through so that pupils' needs can be met appropriately. For example, the new building has an indoor gym, a well-resourced sensory room, and a variety of musical instruments to support pupils' therapeutic needs.

Paragraph 29(1), 29(1)(a), 29(1)(b)

- An adequate outdoor space is provided on the ground floor of the building. Pupils are also able to use the adjacent swimming pool and sports area.
- The relevant standards in this part are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- Leaders have taken time and care to ensure that the buildings and outdoor area and all relevant documentation related to health and safety, fire safety and risk assessments are fit for purpose and will meet the relevant standards should the material change be implemented.
- The move to new premises is part of a restructure of the wider healthcare provision within St Andrew's Healthcare facility. Leaders are confident that the change will improve the provision for pupils and benefit their health, education and personal development.
- Leaders have ensured that the school continues to meet the independent school standards related to safeguarding and the publication of the school's safeguarding policy on the school's website.
- The standards in this part are likely 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.

School details

Unique reference number	135785
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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	Secure adolescent mental health provision
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	St Andrew's Healthcare
Chair	Katie Fisher
Headteacher	Miss Cheryl Smith
Annual fees (day pupils)	Nil (inclusive within placement)
Telephone number	01604 614331
Website	www.standrewshealthcare.co.uk
Email address	college@standrew.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	22–24 November 2016

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	13 to 19	Not applicable	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	16	45	45

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Not applicable

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	16	45
Number of part-time pupils	0	Not applicable
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	16	Not applicable
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	12	Not applicable
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	7	Not applicable

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	16	Not applicable
Number of part-time teaching staff	6	Not applicable

Information about this school

- St Andrew's College is located within the grounds of St Andrew's Healthcare, which is an independent, charitable, mental health facility in Northampton.
- The school provides education in a secure setting. It is attached to three secure, residential wards.
- Pupils have complex mental health conditions and challenging behaviour. The vast majority have an education, health and care plan.
- The school is registered to provide education for up to 110 pupils. However, due to the restructure of provision within the healthcare trust and the move to a smaller site, leaders wish to reduce the number of pupils registered to attend the school to 45.

- Since the previous inspection, the leadership of the school has changed. A new headteacher was appointed in January 2020. A new chair of the proprietor board was appointed in September 2018.
- The school's last standard inspection took place on 22–24 November 2016.

Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education commissioned this material change inspection in response to the school's request to change school premises to St Andrew's College, Smyth House, St Andrew's Healthcare, Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5DG. If the material change is approved, the school would like to move to its new site on 14 December 2020.
- I met with the headteacher and the chair of the proprietor board. I undertook a tour of the new school premises with the headteacher.
- I scrutinised the school's policies and procedures that relate to safeguarding, health and safety, fire safety, and risk assessment.

Inspection team

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