

# Fullerton House School

Off Tickhill Square, Denaby, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN12 4AR

**Inspection date**

24 November 2021

**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) and 32(1)(c)*

- The school's safeguarding policy and procedures are available on the school website. Senior leaders have ensured that policies and procedures give all the necessary information, along with photographs and contact details of all safeguarding leaders. The policy has regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- Senior leaders ensure that all staff receive regular training in safeguarding. Staff know who to report concerns to, and they are secure in the knowledge that any concerns they have will be taken seriously by senior leaders. Posters around the school also remind staff who to report concerns to.
- Staff make detailed records of all types of incidents and accidents through two different electronic systems. Senior leaders monitor these records on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.
- Pupils say they are happy in school. Throughout the day, they are relaxed and happy as they mix comfortably with staff.
- These standards are now met.

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

*Paragraph 18(2), 18(2)(a), 18(2)(b), 18(2)(c), 18(2)(c)(i), 18(2)(c)(ii), 18(2)(c)(iii), 18(2)(c)(iv), 18(2)(d), 18(2)(e), 18(2)(f), 18(3), 20(6), 20(6)(a), 20(6)(a)(i), 20(6)(a)(ii), 20(6)(b), 20(6)(b)(i), 20(6)(b)(ii), 20(6)(b)(3), 20(6)(c), 21(1), 21(2), 21(3), 21(3)(a), 21(3)(a)(i), 21(3)(a)(ii), 21(3)(a)(iii), 21(3)(a)(iv), 21(3)(a)(v), 21(3)(a)(vi), 21(3)(a)(vii), 21(3)(a)(viii), 21(3)(b), 21(4), 21(5), 21(5)(a), 21(5)(a)(i), 21(5)(a)(ii), 21(5)(b), 21(5)(c), 21(6), 21(7), 21(7)(a), 21(7)(b)*

- School leaders have an electronic record of all the recruitment checks that are made on staff prior to them beginning to work at the school.

- During the inspection, it was identified that although all staff hold an appropriate enhanced disclosure and barring certificate, not all staff who need it, had a prohibition from teaching check. This was remedied by the headteacher immediately during the inspection.
- This standard remains met.

## Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- All leaders have ensured that safeguarding has been strengthened in the school since the last inspection in March 2021.
- The chief executive officer has a good strategic overview of safeguarding in the school. He has ensured that there are clear accountability avenues for safeguarding in the school.
- School leaders and directors take a microscopic look at safeguarding issues on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. They review incidents and ensure that any learning is used to improve protocols and procedures to support pupils' welfare needs.
- Senior leaders take advice and guidance from other professionals, such as the police and the local authority, when dealing with safeguarding issues.
- These standards are now 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. This included the standards and requirements that the school was judged to not comply with at the previous inspection. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

### **The school now meets the following standards**

#### **Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils**

- 7 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that–
  - 7(a) arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school; and
  - 7(b) such arrangements have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

#### **Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools**

- 34(1) The standard about the quality of leadership and management is met if the proprietor ensures that the persons with leadership and management responsibilities at the school–
  - 34(1)(a) demonstrate good skills and knowledge appropriate to their role so that the independent school standards are met consistently;
  - 34(1)(b) fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the independent school standards are met consistently; and
  - 34(1)(c) actively promote the well-being of pupils.

## School details

Unique reference number	106817
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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 school
School status	Independent special school
Age range of pupils	8 to 19
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	5
Proprietor	Hesley Group
Chair	Chris McSharry
Headteacher	Marc Hughes
Annual fees (day pupils)	£73,875.75
Telephone number	01709 861663
Website	<a href="http://www.hesleygroup.co.uk">www.hesleygroup.co.uk</a>
Email address	<a href="mailto:fhsadmin@hesleygroup.co.uk">fhsadmin@hesleygroup.co.uk</a>
Dates of previous standard inspection	27 to 29 November 2018

## Information about this school

- Fullerton House School has capacity for 44 pupils aged between eight and 19 years. Most pupils who attend the school have education, health and care plans.
- Pupils who attend the school have complex needs. Most have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, and some have a range of other diagnoses.
- The school does not use any alternative education providers.
- The school's last standard inspection was in November 2018, when it was judged to be good overall. An additional inspection in February 2020 judged all standards inspected to be met. An additional inspection in March 2021 judged that the standards inspected were not met.

- The school is part of the Hesley Group and is overseen by the directors of the Hesley Group. Governance arrangements consist of an education board which reports to the group's board of directors.

## 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 independent school standards and other requirements that it was judged to not comply with at its previous inspection.
- The inspection took place over one day. The school was given approximately 30 minutes notice.
- The inspector toured the school building. They met with pupils around the school at different times of the day, including at breaktimes, inside and outside, and in lessons. They spoke to pupils as they toured the school.
- The inspector met with several staff individually. They met with school leaders and the assistant director. The inspector held a telephone conversation with the chief executive officer.
- The inspector studied a range of documentation which all supported how leaders safeguard pupils at the school. These documents included the single central record, recruitment checks, accident and incident records and safeguarding reports.

## Inspection team

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