

Auckland College

65-67 Parkfield Road, Liverpool, Merseyside L17 4LE

Inspection date

3 February 2022

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(1)(c)

- The school's safeguarding policy is compliant. The policy takes account of the latest guidance from the Secretary of State and is available on the school's website. The systems that staff use to report any safeguarding concerns are appropriate. These systems will likely remain suitable if the request for an increase in pupil numbers is granted.
- Staff receive regular training about safeguarding. This includes guidance on how to recognise the signs of abuse in pupils and the procedures to follow if they have concerns about pupils' welfare or safety.

Paragraph 11

- There is a detailed health and safety policy in place. Staff receive regular training about health and safety issues and new staff receive this as part of their induction. As a result, potential health and safety risks are identified and resolved quickly. This policy will remain appropriate should the request for an increase in pupil numbers be granted.

Paragraph 12

- The school is compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The proprietors ensure that regular checks of fire safety equipment, including the fire alarm, are carried out by a competent person. These checks include the newly created additional classrooms. Leaders remedy any identified issues quickly. Fire exits are clearly signposted and free from obstructions.

Paragraph 14

- The proprietors have employed additional staff to ensure that pupils will be well supervised should the request for an increase in pupil numbers be granted. Leaders intend to maintain high staff-to-pupil ratios. Staff currently supervise pupils well

during class and social times. The number of staff will ensure the suitable supervision of pupils if the request for an increase in pupil numbers is granted.

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

- The proprietors have ensured that a detailed risk assessment policy is in place. Leaders have completed suitable risk assessments for a variety of situations. For example, when pupils travel to and from, and are in attendance at, a local leisure centre for their physical education (PE) lessons. This includes when pupils use the showers.
- The independent school standards (the standards) in this part are likely to be met.

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

Paragraphs 17, 18(2)–18(2)(e), 18(3)

- Leaders ensure that the required checks on the suitability of staff are completed. Any new staff appointed will undergo the required checks before they start working at the school.
- The proprietors have suitably trained staff in place who ensure that safer recruitment procedures are in place when appointing staff.

Paragraph 19(2)–19(2)(d)(ii), 19(3)

- Leaders employ supply staff from reputable agencies. They ensure that the required checks are in place before supply staff work at the school.

Paragraphs 20(6)–20(6)(c), 21(1)–21(7)(b)

- Leaders have a secure understanding of the checks that need to be carried out. This includes checks under section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 to ensure that leaders of the school are suitable to manage a school.
- Leaders have ensured that the single central record is compliant. The proprietors regularly check that this remains the case.
- The standards in this part are likely to be met.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 23(1), 23(1)(a), 23(1)(b), 23(1)(c)

- The proprietors have created new classrooms which will accommodate additional pupils. Leaders have thought carefully about where current pupils learn. This has ensured that there is space in the existing classrooms to facilitate the proposed increase in pupil numbers.
- Toilet facilities are suitable for the proposed increase in the numbers of pupils. The new classrooms house additional toilets. Hot and cold water is available for handwashing. This does not pose a scalding risk. Toilets are for the sole use of pupils, and each cubicle can be locked from the inside.
- Leaders have ensured that a suitable risk assessment is in place when pupils travel for PE off site. These facilities are housed in a local sports centre, with appropriate shower facilities. This will remain appropriate if the request for an increase in pupil numbers is granted.

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

- The medical room is appropriately equipped and close to a toilet. This toilet has a sink with running hot and cold water.

Paragraph 25

- The proprietors ensure that regular checks are carried out on the building and equipment. Any defects are quickly fixed by the site management team or a competent contractor.

Paragraph 26

- The proprietors have ensured that all areas provide acoustic conditions that are suitable for their intended use.

Paragraph 27, 27(a), 27(b)

- Classrooms and other areas have suitable lighting. External lighting is provided to ensure that people can enter and exit the building safely.

Paragraph 28(1), 28(1)(a), 28(1)(b), 28(1)(c), 28(1)(d), 28(2), 28(2)(a), 28(2)(b)

- Drinking water is clearly labelled and is available for pupils throughout the building. Handwashing facilities are available and do not pose a scalding risk. This includes in the new classrooms.

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

- There is sufficient outside space for pupils to play safely. Leaders have ensured that a playtime rota system is in place. This means that the space will be suitable if the proposed increase in pupil numbers is accepted.
- The standards in this part are likely to be met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- The proprietors have a detailed knowledge and understanding of the independent school standards. They have thought carefully about the proposed increase in pupil numbers. The proprietors have detailed plans in place to ensure that this increase in pupil numbers will not adversely affect the safety, welfare or education of pupils. They regularly check leaders' work to ensure that the standards are met consistently.
- The proprietors have ensured that all the standards checked during this inspection are likely to be met if the proposed increase in pupil numbers is granted.
- The standards in this part are likely to be met.

Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010

- The school has an appropriate accessibility plan in place. As a result, the requirements under Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010 are likely to be met.

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	132119
DfE registration number	341/6046
Inspection number	10217266

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 school
School status	Independent school
Proprietors	Anthony Akaraonye and Gillian Akaraonye
Headteacher	Stephanie Boyd
Annual fees (day pupils)	£5,180 to £8,000
Telephone number	0151 7270083
Website	www.aucklandcollege.com
Email address	info@aucklandcollege.com
Date of previous standard inspection	30 April to 2 May 2019

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	3 to 16	3 to 16	3 to 16
Number of pupils on the school roll	374	380	380

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Mixed
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	313	380

Number of part-time pupils	2	As required
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	51	As required
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	1	As required
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	1	As required

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	24	24
Number of part-time teaching staff	5	5
Number of staff in the welfare provision	19	19

Information about this school

- At the time of the inspection, the school was operating beyond its registration relating to the total number of pupils on roll.
- The school does not currently make use of any alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

- The material change inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education because the school made a request to register an increase in the number of pupils on roll from 245 to 380.
- The inspector spoke to the proprietors, the headteacher and other senior leaders. He discussed with leaders how they intend to meet the standards, as outlined in the material change inspection.
- The inspector looked at a wide range of documents and policies relating to pupils' health and well-being and the school's safeguarding policy.
- The inspector made a tour of the school site to consider the safety of the site and how appropriate it is for the proposed change. This included visiting the new classrooms.
- This was the first material change inspection in respect of the requested change.

Inspection team

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