

# SC402370

Registered provider: Kedleston (Wings Education) Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## **Information about this children's home**

This is a privately owned children's home with a school on the same site. The inspectors only inspected the social care provision at this school.

The home is owned and operated by a private organisation. It is registered to provide care for up to 54 children aged between nine and 17 years. The current occupancy is 26. Children are usually experiencing social, emotional and behavioural difficulties and they may have additional needs.

**Inspection date: 22 February 2022**

## **This monitoring visit**

This monitoring visit was carried out to review a restriction notice that was served on 6 January 2022. The notice prevented additional children moving into the home until safeguarding arrangements had been improved.

Managers and staff have taken steps to improve the home. Although new policies and practice have only recently been introduced, they are improving the safety and well-being of children. As a result, the restriction on new admissions has been lifted.

There is a new manager in post who has strong management experience. He is not yet registered but has made an application. The manager has a good understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the service. He has clear plans to address shortfalls. The manager has implemented a number of new monitoring and quality assurance systems. These systems are more proactive and, therefore, enable problems to be addressed before they become significant.

The grounds are being improved to ensure that they are safer. For example, more lighting has been provided and the woodland area has been thinned to ensure that

children can be appropriately supervised. These improvements ensure that children are safer when in the grounds of the home.

New guidance has been produced to ensure that potential safeguarding risks are better managed, particularly those related to children having sleepovers in each other's rooms. Staff and children are aware of the changes, but the new policy has not yet been implemented.

There have been no issues of substance misuse since the last visit to this home. Staff have a better understanding of the procedures to follow should they suspect children are misusing substances.

There continue to be some safeguarding and behavioural incidents. Some of these incidents have been particularly challenging for staff to manage. However, the incidents have been managed well. Records are detailed and outcomes are clear. Risk assessments reflect the learning from previous incidents and are kept up to date.

Staff do lots of effective work with children to help them to understand risk. For example, work is carried out with children about consent, bullying and appropriate relationships. Consequently, bullying behaviour is reducing.

When children go missing from the home, these incidents are managed well. For example, staff search for the children and report them missing to the police appropriately. Incidents of children going missing are reducing.

The supervision of children is improving. For example, there are now consistent night-time routines that enable staff to monitor the whereabouts of children more closely.

Recommendations from the last inspection were not reviewed during this visit. Therefore, a recommendation made at the last inspection has been repeated.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
07/12/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
05/10/2021	Full	Inadequate
23/07/2019	Full	Outstanding
13/08/2018	Full	Outstanding

## **What does the children's home need to do to improve?**

### **Recommendation**

- The registered person should ensure that children are helped to explore their cultural identity. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 17, paragraph 3.22)

### **Information about this inspection**

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

## Children's home details

**Unique reference number:** SC402370

**Provision sub-type:** Residential special school

**Registered provider:** Kedleston (Wings Education) Limited

**Registered provider address:** Unit 8 Brook Business Centre, Cowley Mill Road,  
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**Responsible individual:** Gillian Miele

**Registered manager:** Post vacant

## Inspectors

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