

Darul Uloom Leicester

Darul Uloom Leicester, 117-119 Loughborough Road, Leicester LE4 5LN

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Inspection date

25 October 2022

Context of the inspection

This progress monitoring inspection has been commissioned by the Department for Children, Schools and Families to review the progress made in respect of a failed national minimum standard from the inspection on 12 October 2021. The purpose of this visit is to assess whether the school is now meeting national minimum standard 15.1 and to review arrangements for safeguarding children.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Staff receive good support from leaders. Support for staff includes meeting with their manager to discuss any concerns they may have and their development. Staff meet as a team to reflect on their practice. Leaders and managers also observe practice in the evenings. The support provided helps staff to reflect on their practice and ensure the safety of children.

Staff have received good training opportunities to ensure they have the skills and knowledge they require to keep children safe.

Leaders have updated key policies. These policies have been disseminated to staff through training sessions. The updated policies provide good information for staff. However, the behaviour policy could be strengthened to ensure that staff are clear about when children can be restrained and how. However, restraint has not been used on children at this school.

Children who are feeling home-sick or are upset are very well supported by staff. This helps children to settle into school life quickly.

The points for improvement from the previous inspection have not all been assessed during this inspection and, therefore, are taken forward to the next inspection.

National minimum standards

The school has made good progress and now meets all the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

Points for improvement

- School leaders should consider strengthening the behaviour policy about restraint practice.
- Consider moving the medication cupboard to a quieter or more private location. (Linked to NMS 7.7)
- Review the allocated time that children, particularly older children, can access the community. (Linked to NMS 18.2)
- Enhance the oversight and analysis of accidents to ensure that lessons are learned to prevent future injury. (Linked to NMS 2.8)

Inspection team

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Lead Social Care Inspector

Information about this school

Darul Uloom (House of Knowledge) is an Islamic boarding school in Leicester providing a religious and secular education for boys and young men from 11 to about 23 years of age. It began operations in 1994 and is registered with the Department for Children, Schools and Families. There are currently 133 students, 67 boarders, of whom 57 are under 18. The school is a registered charity and is operated by a board of trustees. The school year operates between the major Islamic festivals of Ramadan and Eid-Il-Fitr and boarders return home every six weeks for a break.

School details

Unique reference number	
Social care unique reference number	SC006329
DfE registration number	

This inspection was carried out under the Children Act 1989, as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000, having regard to the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

The inspection was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

Type of school	Boarding school
Number of boarders on roll	133
Gender of boarders	Boys
Age range of boarders	11 to 23
Headteacher	Ishaq Boodi
Date of previous boarding inspection	12 October 2021
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