

International School of Creative Arts

Framework Road, Wexham, Slough, Berkshire SL2 4QS

Overall outcome

Boarding provision

The school meets all of the national minimum standards that were checked during this inspection

Main inspection findings

The overall experiences and progress of children

- There was nothing to suggest with the limited scope of this inspection that children are not having positive experiences or making reasonable progress.
- Medication arrangements are now more robust. Selected staff have been trained in how to administer and store medication.
- Records of medication administration are clear and signed by the staff and child. Medication is stored securely in the main office, which children cannot access unaccompanied.
- Only medications that have pharmacy labels, translated into English, are administered. Others are removed from children and stored for safe keeping.
- The arrangements for medication storage and administration now meet the national minimum standards.

How well children are helped and protected

- Children now have a recognised independent person they can approach if they are worried or concerned. The independent person has visited the school to make themselves known to the children. Their details, including a photograph of them, have been displayed in two prominent areas in the school.
- There have been five safeguarding and child protection concerns since the full inspection. These have been managed effectively and in a timely manner.
- The school liaises appropriately with partner agencies to ensure the safety of children.
- When needed, close liaison with mental health and other health professionals has been swiftly sourced.
- Potential bullying has been quickly recognised by staff. Responses have been robust, and mediation used effectively.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers

- The leaders and managers have responded well to shortfalls identified at the full inspection.
- Given the limited scope of this inspection, there is nothing to suggest that the leadership of the school is not suitable.

Compliance with national minimum standards for boarding schools

Standards that were not met at the previous inspection

- The school identifies at least one person other than a parent, outside the staff and those responsible for the leadership and governance of the school, who boarders may contact directly about personal problems or concerns at school. Boarders are informed who this person is, and how to contact them and they are easily accessible. Boarders are also provided with one or more appropriate helpline(s) or outside telephone numbers, including the Office of the Children's Commissioner, to contact in case of problems or distress. (NMS 2.3)
- All medication is safely and securely stored and proper records are kept of its administration. Prescribed medicines are given only to the boarders to whom they are prescribed. Boarders allowed to self-medicate are assessed as sufficiently responsible to do so. (NMS 3.4)

The school now meets the following national minimum standards for boarding schools

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School details

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The inspection of boarding provision 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.

Type of school	Other independent school
School status	Independent boarding school
Age range of pupils	14 to 19
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	61
Number of boarders on roll	61
Headteacher	Robert Hunter
Head of boarding	Robert Hunter
Telephone number	01753 208820
Website	www.isca.uk.com
Email address	r.hunter@isca.uk.com
Date of previous boarding inspection	17 to 19 May 2022

Information about this school

The school provides boarding for up to 100 students aged 15 to 19 who attend the school for varied arts-based courses. The school and boarding accommodation is based in the grounds of the Teikyo School on the outskirts of Slough. At the time of inspection, 42 students were boarding at the school with 63 students on the school roll.

This inspection was welfare only.

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 national minimum standards that it was judged to not comply with at its previous inspection.
- The inspection was carried out at the school with the headteacher.
- The inspector reviewed the arrangements for medication storage and administration with the operations manager.
- The inspector reviewed the arrangements for an independent listener through discussion with the headteacher and through observing the independent listener's information being prominently displayed in the school.
- The inspector also checked all safeguarding and child protection concerns through viewing electronic records with the headteacher, who is also the designated safeguarding lead.

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