

New Level Academy

Pendolino Way, Wembley, London NW10 0RP

Inspection date

6 January 2023

Overall outcome

The school meets the independent school standards relevant to the material change. The material change has already been implemented

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7–7(b), 32(1), 32(1)(c)

- Leaders have a clear understanding of current statutory safeguarding requirements. The school's policy reflects the guidance in 'Keeping children safe in education' (September 2022). The policy is available online.
- Arrangements to train and induct staff are suitable. Leaders follow up concerns appropriately and record their timely actions using an online system. Pupils spoken to said that they felt safe at school.
- The available evidence suggests that safeguarding continues to be effective.

Paragraphs 11, 12, 16

- The school's suitable policies for health and safety and risk assessment are being implemented well at the new premises. The possible risks to pupils, both at school and at the off-site physical education sessions, have been suitably assessed.
- An external fire-risk assessment completed in October 2022 identified one minor action, which has been completed. All the required internal and external fire-safety checks have been completed in a timely way.
- The independent school standards (the standards) checked in this part are met.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The school relocated to its new premises in December 2022. The building was previously used as a training centre for people working on the railways.
- Located on the ground floor, the premises include three classrooms and separate pupil and staff toilet and washing facilities. There is a suitable medical room located in the school's office. There is also a small, open-plan area that pupils use at breaktimes.

Drinking water is available from the school's kitchen. Hot-water supplies are safely regulated. Lighting and acoustics are suitable throughout.

- As the new premises do not include outdoor space, pupils attend physical education sessions twice weekly at Bridge Park Community Leisure Centre, Harrow Road, London NW10 0RG.
- The standards checked in this part are met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34

- Proprietors and leaders have prepared suitably for the move to the new premises. They demonstrate understanding of the relevant independent school standards.
- Proprietors and leaders have ensured that the standards checked, including the standard in this part, continue to be 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 are relevant to the material change.

School details

Unique reference number	142832
DfE registration number	304/6003
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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 compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Alternative provision
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	2point4 FM Ltd
Chair	Terry Springer
Headteacher	Terry Springer
Annual fees (day pupils)	£15,500
Telephone number	0208 838 3529
Website	www.newlevel.brent.sch.uk
Email address	info@newlevel.org.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	10 to 12 May 2022

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	13 to 19	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	11/20	No change	Not applicable

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	No change

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	10	No change
Number of part-time pupils	1	No change
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	All pupils	No change
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	2	No change
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	0	No change

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	2	No change
Number of part-time teaching staff	1	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	2	No change

Information about this school

- New Level Academy is a small independent school and alternative provision for pupils in the London Borough of Brent. The school relocated to its new premises on Pendolino Way, Wembley, London in December 2022.
- The school provides permanent school placements and temporary alternative provision for up to 20 pupils aged 13 to 19. Pupils typically have social, emotional and mental health needs. Pupils are placed by their schools and are admitted on a dual registration arrangement. Very few pupils have an education, health and care plan.
- The school does not use alternative provision.
- The school's most recent standard inspection took place in May 2022. The school's overall effectiveness was judged to require improvement. All the independent school standards were judged to be met.

Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education commissioned this inspection to consider the school's application to change its main premises.
- This was the school's first material change inspection to consider the school's relocation to Pendolino Way, Wembley, London NW10 0RP.
- The inspection was announced with two days' notice.
- The inspector considered whether some of the requirements in parts 3, 5, 6 and 8 of the independent school standards are met.
- The inspector met with the chair of the proprietor body, who is also the headteacher. He also met with a member of staff with responsibility for safeguarding. He toured the new premises and met with a group of pupils. He considered a range of other evidence, including in relation to health and safety, safeguarding and risk assessment.

Inspection team

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