

Haberdashers' Adams

Haberdashers' Adams Grammar School, High Street, Newport, Shropshire TF10 7BD

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Inspection date

13/07/2023

Context of the inspection

This monitoring visit was undertaken to look at the actions taken by the senior leadership team in response to a safeguarding concern.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

A full inspection was undertaken in May 2022 and this setting was judged as good. This monitoring visit was not used to look at the progress made by the school in meeting the recommendations or point for improvement made at the last inspection. Therefore, these recommendations have been repeated below.

This monitoring visit found that the designated safeguarding lead and senior management team work effectively in partnership with external professionals to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children. There are clear policies and procedures that are followed in practice and records of events are clear. Referrals to partnership agencies are timely. Safety plans and risk assessments are implemented to ensure actions are taken that reduce future risks and ensure children are safe.

National minimum standards

The school must meet the following national minimum standards for boarding schools:

- Suitable sleeping accommodation is provided for boarders. It is well organised and managed with risk assessments undertaken and findings acted upon to reduce risk for all boarders. Where boarders are aged eight years or over, sleeping accommodation

for boys is separate from sleeping accommodation for girls. (Boarding schools: national minimum standards 5.1)

- Any staff member or volunteer employed or volunteering in a position working with boarders has a job description reflecting their duties, receives induction training in boarding when newly appointed, and receives regular reviews of their boarding practice, with opportunities for training and continual professional development in boarding. (Boarding schools: national minimum standards 15.1)
- Boarders are at all times under the responsibility of an identified member of staff who is suitably qualified and experienced. (Boarding schools: national minimum standards 15.4)
- The school has, and follows, an appropriate policy on recording and responding to complaints that is compliant with the relevant regulatory standards. (Boarding schools: national minimum standards 18.1)

Point for improvement

- Ensure that systems of safer recruitment include checks on staff who have previously worked with children and vulnerable adults, with a focus on validating the reasons they left those roles.

Inspection team

Dawn Bennett

Lead Social Care Inspector

Information about this school

Haberdashers' Adams Grammar School is a voluntary aided, selective, day and boarding boys' grammar school, which admits girls to the sixth form on a day basis. The school is operated by the Haberdashers' Federation. As a state school, all tuition is free. Students' parents pay only the costs of boarding. The school is located over two sites providing two boarding facilities. Longford Hall accommodates junior boys. It is housed in a listed Georgian mansion set in 125 acres of fields, woodland and recreational grounds. It also has its own fishing lake. The main school campus, in walking distance, is in the local town centre. On this main site, senior boarders live in three adjoining 18th century town houses. All classroom education is provided on the school's main site, with the grounds of Longford being used for recreational and sporting fixtures.

School details

Unique reference number	
Social care unique reference number	SC020589
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	100
Gender of boarders	Boys
Age range of boarders	11 to 18
Headteacher	Gary Hickey
Date of previous boarding inspection	10/05/2022
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