

Seva Education

205 Uxbridge Road, West Ealing W13 9AA

Inspection date

27 September 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 11, 12, 16–16(b)

- On 4 September 2023, the school moved into new premises at Kingsley Road, South Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 8LT. These premises will cater for pupils on roll aged seven to 16.
- The school has suitable health and safety and risk assessment policies in place, and these are implemented effectively. Appropriate checks and actions have been taken to assure pupils' and staff's health and safety at these new premises. Leaders have also carried out detailed written risk assessments which set out how leaders and staff should mitigate against the identified risks for the Kingsley Road site. In addition, leaders have updated the bespoke written risk assessments for every pupil, all of whom are pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities. These too make clear what actions staff should take to minimise risks to each individual pupil.
- The site's landlords recently commissioned an external fire risk assessment which identified a couple of minor issues that needed attention. The school is addressing these minor aspects effectively, with actions due to be completed imminently in October 2023. There are also records of ongoing regular testing and servicing of firefighting equipment.
- The independent school standards in this part are met and likely to continue to be met if the material change is approved.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The classrooms and other indoor spaces are suitably spacious and maintained to an appropriate standard. Lighting and acoustics throughout the premises are also suitable. There is a medical room with a recently installed sink. The room is also close to toilet facilities. In the toilet facilities, handwashing facilities have cold and hot running water, the temperature of which does not pose a scalding risk. Suitable drinking-water is available and labelled as such. There is a very large outdoor area

which pupils use for recreation and the teaching of physical exercise. A boys' shower and changing facility was recently installed and the contractor is scheduled to finish the installation of the girls' facility in early October 2023. All pupils are taken swimming every week at an external venue and the school ensures that pupils have access to both suitable changing and showering facilities.

- The independent school standards in this part are met and likely to continue to be met if the material change is approved.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34

- The proprietor and governors planned very carefully for this move to a larger site, which is better suited for the needs of the pupils at this school. They have a very secure knowledge and understanding of the independent school standards and other requirements. They have robust systems in place to ensure consistent compliance.
- The independent school standards in this part are met and likely to continue to be met if the material change is approved.

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	148415
DfE registration number	307/6012
Inspection number	10306862

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	Other independent school
School status	Independent special school
Proprietor	Pritesh Suchdev
Headteacher	Meleter James
Annual fees (day pupils)	£38,500 to £81,000
Telephone number	020 8422 2999
Website	www.sevaeducation.com/
Email address	education@sevacaregroup.com
Date of previous standard inspection	6 to 8 June 2023

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	7 to 25	7 to 25	7 to 25
Number of pupils on the school roll	49	96	96

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Mixed
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	39	60

Number of part-time pupils	None	None
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	47	96
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	47	96
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	47	96

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	9	10
Number of part-time teaching staff	0	0
Number of staff in the welfare provision	26	30

Information about this school

- The school's last standard inspection was on 6 to 8 June 2023.
- The material change has already been implemented. The school vacated its previous premises at Uxbridge Road and moved to Kingsley Road, South Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 8LT on 4 September 2023. Pupils aged seven to 16 are being taught in the new premises. Pupils aged 16 and above are located in existing additional premises at 519 North Circular Road, London, NW2 7QG.
- All pupils who attend the school have special educational needs and/or disabilities. All pupils have an education, health and care plan which identifies social, emotional and mental health difficulties as the pupil's primary area of need. Some pupils also have additional communication and interaction needs and/or autism.
- The school makes no use of alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education commissioned this inspection to consider the school's application to change premises for pupils in the age range of seven to 16.
- This was the first inspection to consider the school's material change application.
- The inspection was announced with two days' notice.
- The inspector considered whether the relevant requirements in parts 3, 5 and 8 of the independent school standards are likely to continue to be met if the material change is approved.
- The inspector met with the executive headteacher, the school manager, the proprietor and a governor. He toured the premises and met with groups of pupils and staff. He considered a range of evidence, including documents related to health and safety and risk assessment. The inspection also considered the school's safeguarding arrangements, including checks on staff suitability recorded on the single central record.

Inspection team

David Radomsky, lead inspector

His Majesty's Inspector

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