

Baston House School

Baston Road, Hayes, Bromley, Kent BR2 7AB

Inspection date

23 January 2024

Overall outcome

The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material change relating to the school provision is implemented

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7 to 7(b), 11, 12, 14, 16 to 16(b), 32(1), 32(1)(c)

- The school's culture of safeguarding continues to be strong. For example, leaders follow up on and record concerns quickly and appropriately. Pupils spoken with feel safe at school. Leaders understand their statutory responsibilities, including those outlined in the latest 'Keeping children safe in education' (September 2023) guidance. The school's safeguarding policy reflects this guidance and is available online.
- Leaders have thought through the health, safety and risk implications of opening an additional classroom. Policies and risk assessments suitably consider how to minimise and mitigate any possible risks. The new classroom has been equipped with fire safety call points, extinguishers and emergency lighting.
- Leaders have suitable plans to employ additional staff before admitting new pupils.
- The independent school standards (the standards) checked in part 3 are likely to continue to be met if the material change is approved and implemented.

Part 4. Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors

All paragraphs

- Arrangements for the recruitment, induction and training of staff are suitable. The single central record contains an accurate record of all the required vetting checks on the adults responsible for, and working at, the school.
- The standards in part 4 are likely to continue to be met if the material change is approved and implemented.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- An additional classroom area has been refurbished to a high standard. Arrangements

for the area's lighting and acoustics are likely to be suitable. The additional space is likely to comfortably accommodate an additional six pupils. An additional toilet and washing facility has also been created. New pupils will access the same suitable medical room, changing and shower facilities as existing pupils. Labelled drinking-water supplies are available throughout the premises. The hot water supply is safely regulated. There is ample outdoor space for recreation and physical education.

- The standards in part 5 are likely to continue to be met if the material change is approved and implemented.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34(1) to 34(1)(c)

- The school's leaders have planned suitably for this material change. Leaders demonstrate a continued secure understanding of the standards.
- The standard in part 8 is likely to continue to be met if the material change is approved and implemented.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school is likely to meet 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	136265
DfE registration number	305/6082
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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 likely compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Other independent special school
School status	Independent special school
Proprietor	P Bloom Ltd
Chair	Richard Power
Headteacher	Rachel Martin
Annual fees (day pupils)	£52,500
Telephone number	020 8462 1010
Website	www.bastonhouseschool.org.uk
Email address	info@bastonhouseschool.org.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	15 to 17 November 2023

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	5 to 19	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	107/115	Up to 121	Up to 121

Pupils

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

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	87	Up to 121
Number of part-time pupils	0	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	All pupils	No change
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	All pupils	No change

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	31	32
Number of part-time teaching staff	0	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	65	68

Information about this school

- This is an independent special day school in the London Borough of Bromley for pupils with education, health and care plans for autism.
- The school is part of, and governed by, Outcomes First Group.
- The school makes no use of alternative provision.
- The school's most recent inspection was a graded inspection in November 2023.

Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education commissioned this inspection to consider the school's application to increase the number of pupils it admits.
- 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, 4, 5 and 8 of the standards are likely to continue to be met if the material change is approved.
- The inspector met with a range of senior leaders, including the headteacher, the deputy headteacher and the chair of the proprietor body. He toured the premises, including the new classroom area, and met with a group of pupils. He considered a range of evidence, including documents relating to health and safety, risk assessment and fire safety. The inspection also considered the school's safeguarding arrangements, including checks on the single central record.

Inspection team

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