

New Level Academy

Pendolino Way, Wembley, London NW10 0RP

Inspection date

30 January 2024

Overall outcome

The school meets the independent school standards relevant to the material change

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7, 7(a) and 7(b)

- Leaders and trustees have a secure knowledge of their statutory duties towards the safeguarding and welfare of pupils at the school. They have a strong awareness of the risks and vulnerabilities that pupils who attend the school may face. A copy of the school's updated safeguarding policy is available on the school's website.
- The school has clear policies and procedures for reporting concerns that pupils may be at risk of harm. There is regular training to ensure that staff know how to report any concerns they have. New staff complete a thorough safeguarding induction.

Paragraphs 11, 12, 14, 16(a) and 16(b)

- The school has appropriate policies for health and safety, fire safety and the management of risk. Leaders are implementing these effectively at the new premises.
- The supervision of pupils is appropriate. Leaders have considered the staff requirements for the proposed increase in pupil numbers. The school is currently advertising for some of these positions.
- The independent school standards (the standards) checked in this part are likely to be met if the proposed changes are implemented.

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

All paragraphs

- The school has clear procedures for the safe recruitment of new members of staff, and these are put into effective practice. Leaders keep an accurate record of the statutory safeguarding checks made on staff before they take up roles in the school.
- The standards in this part are likely to be met if the proposed changes are implemented.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The school relocated to its new premises in January 2024. The building was previously used as a school. The new premises include four classrooms and separate pupil and staff toilet and washing facilities. There is a suitable medical room located in one of the school's offices. There is also a large hall that pupils use at breaktimes, and a kitchen that could be used in the future to prepare lunches.
- Drinking water is available from water fountains around the school site. Hot water supplies are clearly labelled, and the temperature is safely regulated. Lighting and acoustics are suitable throughout the school building.
- The new premises include a large outdoor space and two changing rooms with showers. The outdoor space is used for physical education lessons and for breaktimes.
- The standards in this part are likely to be met if the proposed changes are implemented.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

All paragraphs

- Leaders and the proprietor have made appropriate arrangements for the move to new premises. They have ensured that policies and procedures are in place to maintain the safeguarding and welfare of pupils at the new premises. They demonstrate a secure understanding of the independent school standards.
- Proprietors and leaders have ensured that the standards checked, including the standards in this part, are likely to be met if the proposed changes are 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	142832
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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 school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	London Rangers Football Charity
Chair	Terence Springer
Headteacher	Sonya Dacoury-Tabley
Annual fees (day pupils)	£15,500
Telephone number	020 8838 3529
Website	https://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	11 to 19	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	2/20	50	50

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Mixed

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	0	50
Number of part-time pupils	2	No change
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	1	No change
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	0	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	2
Number of part-time teaching staff	2	5
Number of staff in the welfare provision	0	3

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 is currently located at Pendolino Way, Wembley, London. The school's material change would include a proposed move to a new location at Evershed Sports Ground, Wyke Gardens, London W7 2BB. Pupils are already being taught at the new premises.
- The school currently provides permanent 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. No pupils have an education, health and care plan.
- The school does not use alternative provision.
- The school appointed a new headteacher, who took up position in September 2023.

- 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 and change the age range and number of pupils.
- This was the school's first material change inspection to consider the school's relocation to Evershed Sports Ground, Wyke Gardens, London W7 2BB. Pupils at the school are already being taught at the new premises. The inspection also considered an increase in the number of pupils from 20 to 50.
- The inspection was announced with one day's notice.
- The inspector considered whether some of the requirements in parts 3, 4, 5 and 8 of the independent school standards are met.
- The inspection also considered the school's safeguarding arrangements, including the single central record of pre-employment checks and whether the school's safeguarding policy is available to parents and carers.
- The inspector toured the new premises and met with current pupils. The inspector considered a range of other evidence in relation to health and safety, fire safety and risk assessment.

Inspection team

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His Majesty's Inspector

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