

St Philip's School

6 Wetherby Place, London SW7 4NE

Inspection dates

10 September 2024

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 1. Quality of education provided

Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4

- Leaders have created new policies and curriculum plans for children in early years. They have adapted existing curriculum and assessment policies to meet the needs of pupils aged five and six years old. The school's curriculum, including for early years, is broad and ambitious. Plans take detailed account of pupils' different ages, abilities and interests. Leaders have well developed procedures to meet pupils' special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- The programmes for personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education and relationships and sex education (RSE) are suitable. The programmes include age-appropriate coverage of British values, equality and relationships. Leaders ensure they are compliant with the statutory RSE requirements.
- The new Reception class is suitably staffed and resourced, in line with all the requirements of the early years foundation stage. Leaders have credible plans to grow their staff team further and to maintain the quality of education provided to pupils.
- The independent school standards ('the standards') in this part are met.

Part 2. Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils

Paragraph 5

- The PSHE education curriculum has been developed to teach pupils about how to keep themselves healthy and safe, and the importance of being a good friend and helping others. Topics taught in the early years, for example, include 'my body, my rules', 'understanding me', 'understanding others', and 'understanding my surroundings'.
- The PSHE education curriculum includes teaching pupils about people with different characteristics, and religious education ensures pupils learn about a range of religions, faiths and cultures.

- The early years curriculum is enriched with twice-daily visits to the garden and weekly outings to local libraries, museums and parks.
- The staff code of conduct is clear that no member of staff may promote partisan views and balanced points of view must always be presented in the teaching of any political topic.
- The standard in this part is met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34

- Leaders and governors have a secure understanding of the independent school standards and associated requirements. They have planned effectively to extend the school's age range to include boys aged four and above.
- The standard in this part is met.

Statutory requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage

- Leaders have planned carefully to open the new Reception class. They have ensured they are meeting all the statutory requirements of the early years foundation stage.

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	100516
DfE registration number	207/6104
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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	Other independent school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	St Philip's School Trust Ltd
Chair	John Dean
Headteacher	Alexander Thomas
Annual fees (day pupils)	£20,850 to £23,475
Telephone number	020 7373 3944
Website	www.stpschool.co.uk
Email address	office@stpschool.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	8 to 10 March 2022

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	7 to 13	4 to 13	4 to 13
Number of pupils on the school roll	78/110	No change	Not applicable

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Boys	Not applicable
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	72	Not applicable
Number of part-time pupils	0	Not applicable
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	10	Not applicable
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	0	Not applicable
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	0	Not applicable

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	13	Not applicable
Number of part-time teaching staff	0	Not applicable
Number of staff in the welfare provision	4	Not applicable

Information about this school

- St Philip's is a Catholic preparatory day school for boys in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.
- Since September 2024, the school has admitted children aged four into a new Reception class. Leaders intend to gradually introduce classes for pupils in Years 1 and 2 over the next three years.
- The school's most recent inspection was a graded inspection in March 2022.
- The school makes no use of any alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education commissioned this inspection to consider the school's application to change its age range of pupils.
- This was the first inspection to consider the school's material change application.
- The inspection was announced with two days of notice.
- The inspector considered whether the relevant requirements in parts 1, 2 and 8 of the independent school standards are met in light of the change in age range.
- The inspector met with the headteacher, the deputy headteacher, the head of early years, and a governor. He had a tour of the premises and met with a group of pupils. He considered a range of evidence, including curriculum policies and plans, and documentation relating to the new early years provision.
- The inspector also considered the school's safeguarding arrangements, including the single central record of checks on adults. The relevant requirements in parts 3, 4 and 6 of the independent school standards continue to be met.

Inspection team

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