Eagle Park Independent School

Eagle Park Independent School, Chiswick, London Transport Sports Ground, Park Place, Chiswick W3 8JY

Inspection date	8 January 2025
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)

- The school places high priority on safeguarding and pupil welfare. The safeguarding policy is updated in line with statutory requirements. It is published on the website and accessible to staff, parents and carers. The school ensures that all staff receive regular safeguarding training. As a result, concerns are reported quickly. The school takes swift and appropriate action to address any issues raised. This includes engaging effectively with external safeguarding partners. The school provides pupils with pertinent information on how to stay safe, including when online.
- The school ensures that it adheres to the required health and safety obligations. The health and safety policy is up-to-date and contains clear, relevant information. The school ensures that health and safety checks are completed by staff and external professional organisations routinely. For example, fire risk assessments and electrical safety checks are completed by qualified experts at regular intervals. The school takes effective action to mitigate any identified risks.
- The school's risk assessment policy makes responsibilities explicit for all staff. The associated risk assessments identify appropriate levels of risks for specific activities and events. The identified control measures are suitable. Training ensures that staff have full awareness of risks and actions they must take to ensure pupils are safe. This includes making sure that staffing levels are maintained so that pupils are supervised effectively. Pupils also receive appropriate information about risks and safety. For example, pupils are taught about road safety and the importance of maintaining high awareness when visiting the local sports facility.
- The school intends to maintain the current high standards to ensure pupils are safeguarded if more pupils are admitted.
- The independent school standards (the standards) contained within this part are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

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

Paragraphs 17 to 21(8)

- The school has robust systems in place to ensure staff are qualified to work with pupils. Leaders have appropriate safer recruitment training. Consequently, thorough and appropriate checks are carried out before staff take up employment positions at the school. These include checks completed by the police and confirmation of appropriate qualifications and medical fitness.
- Agency staff, contractors and volunteers are vetted thoroughly. The school engages effectively with relevant employers and services to gain assurances that adults in school are safe.
- The school maintains the single central register in accordance with requirements.
- The standards are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraphs 22 to 31(c)

- The school's premises is maintained to a suitable standard. It is kept clean and tidy. Classrooms have appropriate lighting and space for pupils to receive their education comfortably. The school proposes that the additional six pupils will be taught in the two larger classrooms. Each classroom has adequate space to accommodate the additional number of pupils.
- School leaders propose that the additional six pupils will utilise the current toilet facilities. The toilets are suitable for pupils' use, with sufficient hot and cold running water. There is also a small area that incorporates adequate showering facilities.
- There is a small, dedicated area for the treatment of sick or injured pupils. The area is close to toilets and contains a sink. It is adequate to meet the requirements of the standard.
- There is appropriate space for pupils to play outside during breaktimes. The school takes pupils to a local sports facility for physical education (PE) lessons. Occasionally, the school also uses an adjoining sports field for PE activities or sports events.
- The standards are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraphs 34(1) to 34 (2)

- The proprietor and leaders have secure understanding of their responsibilities. They ensure the independent school standards are met consistently.
- The school has clear plans and processes for recruiting staff to support the increase in size of the school. Leaders ensure pupils' well-being is promoted, including pupils who are newly admitted.
- The standards are likely to be met if the material change is 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 standards) and associated requirements that are relevant to the material change.

School details

Unique reference number	148600
DfE registration number	313/6009
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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	Maria Takkou
Headteacher	Mrs Margaret Carey
Annual fees (day pupils)	£54,425 to £58,500
Telephone number	020 3876 5076
Website	www.eagleparkschool.co.uk
Email address	admin@eagleparkschool.co.uk
Dates of previous standard inspection	21 to 23 September 2022

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	6 to 19	Not applicable	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	31	38	38

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	No change
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	31	38

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	5	No change
Number of part-time teaching staff	0	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	14	16

Information about this school

- This is an independent day school for pupils with autism and moderate learning difficulties. All pupils have an education health and care plan.
- The school is located at London Transport Sports Ground, Park Place, Chiswick W3 8JY.
- The previous standard inspection took place in September 2022. A material change inspection was carried out in September 2023.
- After the previous inspection, the headteacher took up the post substantively.
- The school does not make use of alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education commissioned the material change inspection. This is because the school wants to increase the number of pupils it is registered to admit from 32 to 38.
- This was the first material change inspection regarding this request.
- To check compliance with the independent school standards, inspectors spoke with the headteacher, proprietor and another school leader. Inspectors also spoke with some pupils and school staff. Inspectors toured the premises and reviewed documentation.

Inspection team

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