

# Darul Uloom

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Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

**Inspection date**

8 October 2024

## Context of the inspection

This was a monitoring inspection of the residential provision. This unannounced visit was carried out to check on the progress in meeting the unmet national minimum standards that were identified at the previous Ofsted inspection on 30 January to 1 February 2024.

## Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

School leaders have begun work on improving the boarding accommodation. They have implemented more rigorous monitoring and effective cleaning systems of kitchen areas and addressed some of the damp areas in the boarding provision. While there are improvements, the boarding accommodation is not yet of a good quality throughout for children. Leaders are aware that the refurbishment of accommodation is a long-term project. There are further works planned in the coming months.

Since the full inspection in January this year, leaders have taken their responsibility to monitor the boarding provision seriously. They now conduct regular checks to ensure that boarders have suitable and comfortable living conditions.

Leaders have ensured that there are strong links between the school and boarding provision to ensure a consistency of approach to safeguarding. Leaders have supported staff to develop their practice through training opportunities. This helps them to be better able to support children as needed.

Arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of boarders are effective and in line with the school's safeguarding policy.

The boarding provision is integral to the school, as most of the children board. The head of boarding oversees the management of the boarding provision with the support of the headteacher. This provides accountability and line management for staff.

## National minimum standards

### The school does not meet the following national minimum standards for boarding schools:

- The school's leadership and management fulfil their responsibilities consistently and effectively so that the standards are met. (Boarding schools: national minimum standards 2.4)
- Good quality sleeping accommodation is provided for boarders. It is well organised and managed with ongoing assessments of risk (which should be documented) and findings acted on to reduce risk for all boarders. Accommodation gives boarders appropriate privacy, taking into account sex, age and any special requirements. Where children share a bedroom, they are able to express a preference about whom they share with. (Boarding schools: national minimum standards 4.1)

## Inspection team

Dave Carrigan

Lead Social Care Inspector

## Information about this school

Darul Uloom is an independent boarding school for boys, providing both Islamic studies and secondary education. The school caters for pupils of secondary school age as well as senior students. All the boarding accommodation is located on the school site, within the main building. The boarding provision was last inspected in January 2024.

## School details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	105372
<b>Social care unique reference number</b>	SC008476
<b>DfE registration number</b>	351/6007

This inspection was carried out under the Children Act 1989, as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000, having regard to the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

The inspection was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

<b>Type of school</b>	Boarding School
<b>Number of boarders on roll</b>	262
<b>Gender of boarders</b>	Boys
<b>Age range of boarders</b>	11 to 23
<b>Headteacher</b>	Mutiullah Khan
<b>Date of previous boarding inspection</b>	30/01/2024
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