

# Staleydene Preparatory School

Independent school progress report

---

DCSF registration number	357/6055
Unique reference number	133564
Inspection number	343903
Inspection date	06 October 2009
Reporting inspector	Gillian Smith

Age group: 3-11

---

Published: 22 October 2009

---

Reference no: 343903

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) regulates and inspects to achieve excellence in the care of children and young people, and in education and skills for learners of all ages. It regulates and inspects childcare and children's social care, and inspects the Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (Cafcass), schools, colleges, initial teacher training, work-based learning and skills training, adult and community learning, and education and training in prisons and other secure establishments. It rates council children's services, and inspects services for looked after children, safeguarding and child protection.

If you would like a copy of this document in a different format, such as large print or Braille, please telephone 08456 404040, or email [enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk).

You may copy all or parts of this document for non-commercial educational purposes, as long as you give details of the source and date of publication and do not alter the information in any way.

Royal Exchange Buildings  
St Ann's Square  
Manchester  
M2 7LA

T: 08456 404040  
Textphone: 0161 618 8524  
E: [enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk)  
W: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

No. 090137

© Crown copyright 2009



## Purpose and scope of the visit

This inspection visit was carried out by Ofsted under Section 162A of the Education Act 2002<sup>1</sup>, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005<sup>2</sup>.

The visit 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.

## Information about the school

Staleydene is a small school which was established on a different site in 2000 by the current proprietors. The move to the current accommodation took place in 2004. It is a non-selective independent day school for girls and boys aged 3-11 years. The school aims to provide a friendly, caring and family type environment. The school aims: 'to educate to the highest possible standard...., to promote self discipline....., to prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experience of secondary education and to promote spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development in each individual child regardless of race, creed and colour'.

## Context of the visit

The school's last inspection took place on 15-16 May 2007. This inspection visit was made to evaluate the school's progress in meeting a number of regulations which were not met at the time of that inspection.

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

At the last inspection, the school was found to be a good school that provided a good quality education. Although pupils were making good progress, the school did not meet some of the regulations relating to aspects of pupils' welfare, the suitability of proprietor and staff, the premises and accommodation and the provision of information for parents and carers. Since this time, the school has made satisfactory progress towards meeting the requirements in these areas. It now meets all but two of the regulations previously failed. In addition, the school is required under more recent legislation to compile a single central record that details the required checks on the suitability of staff to work with children. It has not compiled such a record.

At the time of the last inspection, the school did not maintain a written policy relating to pupils' health and safety when they are undertaking off-site activities. Such a

---

<sup>1</sup> [www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga\\_20020032\\_en\\_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga_20020032_en_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162)

<sup>2</sup> [www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga\\_20050018\\_en\\_15#sch8](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga_20050018_en_15#sch8)

policy is now in place and comprehensive risk assessments are undertaken prior to all such trips or visits. With reference to the procedures regarding staff recruitment and the checks undertaken to ensure the suitability of staff, the school did not previously confirm applicants' medical fitness or maintain written personal or professional references. The school now has suitable policies and procedures in place. However, as it has not recruited any members of staff since the last inspection, it has not been able to put these new procedures into action. In future, all shortlisted candidates will be required to complete a comprehensive medical questionnaire and written professional and character references will be sought prior to appointment. While scrutiny of the school's recruitment records indicate that all the required checks regarding the safe recruitment of staff are undertaken, this information has not yet been compiled into a single central register table which details all the necessary checks.

The last inspection found that there were no suitable facilities for pupils who feel ill during the school day. The school has since purchased a mattress, along with suitable range of bedding. However, space is very limited and there is no separate room that can serve as an occasional medical room. Pupils who feel ill are accommodated within the hall but, while this area is sufficiently spacious, there is little privacy. This regulation, therefore, remains unmet.

Ventilation within the school was previously judged to be inadequate because external security bars restricted the extent to which the windows could open. Most of the windows within the classrooms have since been altered in order to facilitate their wider opening, along with the installation of additional vents and air conditioning. As a result, these classrooms are well ventilated and can be kept cool during hot weather. However, within the Early Years Foundation Stage classroom, the window has not yet been adapted and so this regulation is not yet met in full.

The last inspection commented that some of the flooring was in poor condition. All the flooring within the classrooms and common areas has since been replaced and it is now in good condition.

The last inspection also identified shortcomings regarding the quality of some of the information provided for parents. The school has since addressed these issues and parents and carers are now clearly informed that they may request information relating to the number of staff employed and their qualifications, along with details of the school's academic performance.

## Compliance with regulatory requirements

As a result of this inspection visit, the school must take action to meet the Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2003<sup>3</sup> as amended ('the Regulations'), as follows:

- provide appropriate facilities for pupils who are ill, in accordance with the Education (School Premises) Regulations 1999 (paragraph 5(l))
- provide adequate ventilation to all areas of the school (paragraph 5(p))
- compile a single central record that shows all the necessary checks are made in accordance with the regulations (paragraphs 4C(2) and (3), 4C(4), 4C(5), 4C(6) and (7), 4C(9)).

---

<sup>3</sup> [www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2003/20031910.htm](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2003/20031910.htm)

## School details

Name of school	Staleydene Preparatory School		
DCSF number	357/6055		
Unique reference number	133564		
Type of school	Day primary school		
Status	Independent		
Date school opened	November 2000		
Age range of pupils	3-11 years		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 7	Girls: 17	Total: 24
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational need	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Annual fees	£ 3,300		
Address of school	1a Pickford Lane/Town Lane Dukinfield Cheshire SK16 4TG		
Telephone number	0161 339 3434		
Email address	Staleydeneprep@yahoo.co.uk		
Headteacher	Mrs M Ogbogu		
Proprietor	Mr and Mrs E Ogbogu		
Reporting inspector	Gillian Smith		
Date of inspection	06 October 2009		