

# Cleve House School

Independent school progress report

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## 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

Cleve House is an independent non-selective school for boys and girls aged between three and 11 years. There are currently 98 pupils on roll. The majority of children join the Kindergarten just before their third birthday and stay until the end of Year 6. There are nine classes, one for each year group, including three classes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The school was established during the 1930s and had several temporary homes during the war years. In 1948, the school moved to its present site, a very large Victorian house on a residential road ten minutes walk from Bristol city centre. The aim of the school is to create 'a stable, caring environment where every child is treated as an individual'. The current proprietors, who are joint headteachers, took over the running of the school in 1987. The last Ofsted inspection took place in January 2009.

## Context of the visit

Following the Ofsted inspection in January 2009, the school submitted an action plan to address the six regulations that were judged to be 'not met'. This plan was evaluated and approved in April 2009. A progress monitoring visit was made in June 2009 at which time three regulations had still to be met. The purpose of this second monitoring visit is to monitor the progress the school has made towards meeting the outstanding regulations.

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<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)

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

The school has made good progress in implementing its action plan. It now meets all the regulations for independent schools. All the requirements of the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage are also now met.

The progress monitoring visit of June 2009 found that the school had not completed the documentation of the curriculum. The school has now put in place appropriate written curriculum policies in each subject area and in the Early Years Foundation Stage. These are supported by detailed plans and schemes of work that are implemented effectively. The curriculum is broad and balanced, with appropriate time allocated in weekly timetables to different areas of learning. Teachers' planning illustrates how they intend to support and meet the differing needs of their pupils. In addition, the school has put in place a programme of annual review whereby its policies and practice are systematically evaluated and revised.

The initial progress monitoring visit found that the personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum was not satisfactorily planned. The school has now effectively developed this provision. The new policy, plans and schemes of work reflect the school's aims and ethos and give pupils in each year group a well-balanced and suitably planned programme in all aspects of PSHE. The provision is suitably made through cross-curricular topics in the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, and through regularly timetabled sessions in Key Stage 2.

At the time of the last visit, the school had not completed the documentation of its policies to safeguard pupils. The school now has put in place and implemented suitable written policies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are pupils at the school in compliance with the Department for Children, Schools and Families guidance. Staff have undertaken training at the appropriate levels and all are aware of their roles and responsibilities in this area. The shortcomings in the safeguarding and welfare requirements in the Early Years Foundation Stage found in the inspection of January 2009 have also been remedied.

## Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school has made good progress and now meets all regulatory requirements.

## School details

Name of school	Cleve House School		
DCSF number	801/6005		
Unique reference number	109339		
Type of school	Primary school		
Status	Independent		
Date school opened	1930s		
Age range of pupils	3–11 years		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 49	Girls: 47	Total: 96
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	Boys: 1	Girls: 1	Total: 2
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational need	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Annual fees (day pupils)	£4,695 (pro-rata for part-time pupils)		
Address of school	254 Wells Road Bristol BS4 2PN		
Telephone number	0117 977 7218		
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Proprietors	Mr David Lawson Mrs Elaine Lawson		
Reporting inspector	Dr Michael Best		
Dates of inspection	17 November 2009		