

# Inglebrook 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

Inglebrook School is an independent day school and nursery for boys and girls between the ages of two and 11 years. There are 95 pupils on roll. The school was established in 1963 by the current principal. The school is situated in purpose-built accommodation in the town of Pontefract. The school states it is a *'Christian school, respectful of all faiths'* and pupils of all abilities attend the school. The school's aim is *'to pursue educational excellence while encouraging all pupils to fulfil their potential in a happy, caring Christian environment.'*

## Context of the visit

The school was last inspected on 25-26 June 2008. The school produced an action plan to address the instances where it did not meet the required regulations. The action plan was evaluated and approved on 24 July 2009. This monitoring visit evaluated the progress made by the school against its action plan.

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

The school has made satisfactory progress as it has implemented almost all the improvements detailed in its action plan.

At the time of the last inspection the quality of education was judged to be good with some areas outstanding. However, the school did not meet several of the regulations in respect of pupils' welfare, health and safety and consequently this area was judged inadequate. There were also a small number of other regulations that the school did not meet.

At the time of the last inspection the school did not have a curriculum overview policy in place to support its schemes of work and teachers' planning. A curriculum policy is now in place that gives an outline of how different subjects are to be taught

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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)

to pupils. This policy and the schemes of work are implemented effectively to help pupils of all ages make good academic progress.

The main weaknesses at the last inspection concerned the provision made for pupils' welfare, health and safety. Almost all of these concerns have been remedied. The school's designated child protection officer has attended appropriate and updated training for her role and this has been extended to all staff. The school has introduced more formal and appropriate procedures for assessing risks on educational visits away from the school site. These procedures assess the risks, identify potential hazards and take the necessary steps to minimise risk. All staff utilise the same proforma and all assessments are formally recorded. The previous inspection highlighted the fact that the school did not meet regulations regarding the testing of electrical appliances. Following the inspection, all electrical appliances were tested for safety in July 2008. Further tests were carried out in November 2009.

Some iron railings on the school site were deemed unsafe at the last inspection. These have been replaced and new ones are now securely fitted. Some concerns were raised at the last inspection regarding a number of workers at a local business using the school car park. This situation has been remedied. The use of the school car park is now kept to a minimum and usually involves only one car. The car park is very seldom used during the school day. When it is, the safety of the pupils is given a high priority. The one aspect of pupils' welfare, health and safety that has not been remedied satisfactorily relates to fire safety. The school has improved procedures for recording fire drills and testing fire alarms. Fire extinguishers are checked for efficacy and safety. However, the school has not obtained an up-to-date fire report or risk assessment and has not formally recorded if actions recommended at the last fire safety audit have been carried out.

At the previous inspection, it was found that a member of staff had not been fully checked prior to appointment. This situation has been resolved and the school is cognisant of the vetting and identification checks that are needed for any new employees.

Shortcomings identified at the last inspection relating to buildings and premises have been remedied. The hall, nursery, and three classrooms were painted and decorated in April 2009 and now provide a suitable learning environment for pupils.

## 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:

- ensure, as a matter of urgency, that the school has a satisfactory level of fire safety that complies with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (paragraph 3(5)).

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<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	Inglebrook School		
DCSF number	384/6112		
Unique reference number	108304		
Type of school	Independent day school and nursery		
Status	Independent		
Date school opened	September 1963		
Age range of pupils	2-11 years		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 36	Girls: 44	Total: 80
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	Boys: 9	Girls: 6	Total: 15
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational need	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Annual fees (day pupils)	£3,552		
Address of school	Northgate Close Pontefract West Yorkshire WF8 1JL		
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Dates of inspection	23 November 2009		