

# Warlingham Park 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

Warlingham Park School is an independent day school for boys and girls from three to 11 years of age. The school was first established in 1986. It is located in a quiet rural area of Warlingham in Surrey. There are 69 pupils on roll. The vast majority of pupils are of White British heritage. There are no pupils with a statement of special educational needs or who speak English as an additional language, but a small number have learning difficulties. The school aims 'to provide a balanced all-round education for its pupils within a friendly and family-oriented environment'. It believes that each child should be treated as an individual and that provision should be made 'for his or her varying needs and interests'. The school prepares pupils for entry to independent and maintained secondary schools. A separate playgroup, taking children from two years of age, operates in purpose-built accommodation on the school site. The playgroup was registered in November 2007.

#### **Context of the visit**

The school was last inspected in June 2008. The school later submitted an action plan indicating how it intended to meet regulations that were not met at the time of the inspection. After an evaluation, the school's action plan was accepted by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) in October 2009. The purpose of this second monitoring visit was to check whether the school had taken appropriate steps to address the weaknesses identified in the inspection report and to assess the amount of progress made in meeting the regulations.

# Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

At its previous inspection in 2008 the school had weaknesses in its curriculum planning. Although a satisfactory curriculum policy was in place, this was not supported by appropriate schemes of work for all subjects. The school has made good progress in remedying these weaknesses. There are now medium-term plans

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga\_20020032\_en\_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga\_20050018\_en\_15#sch8



for all subjects which teachers adapt, on a weekly basis, to produce individual lesson plans. Plans are matched to National Curriculum level descriptors which ensure that each year group is taught lessons at the expected levels for the age range. The school augments some schemes of work with commercially published materials and makes good use of the Primary National Strategy mathematics guidance.

The designated child protection officer, the headteacher, did not receive the required training because of a cancellation by the training provider. The school has made good progress to remedy this problem. Child-protection training has been completed by the designated officer and the headteacher has subsequently trained all other members of staff. A two- and three-year cycle to update the designated child protection officer and the rest of the staff as required is in place.

The school's single central register of all the required checks on staff was incomplete at the last inspection. The school has made good progress and all necessary information is now recorded on this register. The headteacher understands the school's responsibility in respect of the requirements of the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

An external fire door was not secure at the time of the last inspection. The school has made good progress in rectifying the situation and this door can now only be opened from inside the building.

## **Compliance with regulatory requirements**

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



#### **School details**

Name of school Warlingham Park School

DCSF number 936/6552
Unique reference number (URN) 125435
EY URN (for registered childcare only) EY358254
Type of school Primary

**Status** Independent

Date school opened1986Age range of pupils2-11Gender of pupilsMixed

Number on roll (full-time pupils)Boys: 37Girls: 30Total: 67Number on roll (part-time pupils)Boys: 15Girls: 15Total: 30

Number of pupils aged 0-3 in registered

childcare provision

Boys: 15 Girls: 12 Total:27

Number of pupils with a statement of

special educational needs

Boys: 0 Girls: 0 Total: 0

Annual fees (day pupils) £6,465
Annual fees (childcare) £5,445

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