ISI Independent Schools Inspectorate

Progress monitoring inspection report

7 February 2025

Leicester Preparatory School

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Leicester

Leicestershire

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The Independent Schools Inspectorate is appointed by the Department for Education to inspect association independent schools in England. Our inspections report on the extent to which the statutory Independent School Standards and other applicable regulatory requirements are met, collectively referred to in this report as 'the Standards'.

Inspection outcome

The school meets all the relevant Standards that were considered during this inspection.

Inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

ISSR Paragraphs 7(a) and 7(b)

1. Leaders ensure that safeguarding arrangements are implemented effectively throughout the school, including in the early years. The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is a member of the school's senior management team. Members of the safeguarding leadership team, including the proprietor, have appropriate, up-to-date training. Leaders possess suitable knowledge and understanding of the needs of pupils and the contextual risks they face and they co-ordinate their work effectively. Staff receive appropriate training, including at induction, and frequent safeguarding updates.
2. Since the previous inspection, the proprietor has installed and implemented an effective system for filtering and monitoring the school's internet use. During lessons, staff actively monitor websites which pupils access on their tablets and are also able to do so remotely. Members of the safeguarding leadership team receive notifications of any inappropriate searches which they investigate promptly and act upon, if necessary. Risks related to extremism are understood and suitably controlled.
3. Staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities. Pupils are able to use worry boxes and an online application to share their feelings and concerns with their teachers. This helps staff to understand the needs of the pupils. They know how to report concerns regarding the pupils in their care and act promptly and effectively when required. Leaders maintain an effective partnership with the local authority children's services and other agencies. Referrals to external agencies are made in a timely and appropriate manner. Safeguarding records are detailed and are stored securely. Leaders monitor attendance closely and inform the local authority of changes to the admissions register, as required.
4. The school meets the Standards.

Part 6. Provision of information

ISSR paragraph 32(1)(c)

5. The particulars of the arrangements for safeguarding pupils are published on the school's website and are available for parents.
6. The school meets the Standards.

Part 8. Quality of leadership and management of schools

ISSR paragraphs 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c)

7. Leaders demonstrate good skills and knowledge and fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the Standards are met. Since the previous inspection, the action plan has been implemented well and effective action has been taken to ensure suitable filtering and monitoring of the school's internet is in place so that the wellbeing of pupils is better promoted.

8. The school meets the Standards.

School details

School	Leicester Preparatory School
Department for Education number	856/6003
Address	Leicester Preparatory School 2 Albert Road Stoneygate Leicester Leicestershire LE2 2AA
Phone number	01162 707414
Email address	office@leicesterprep.co.uk
Website	http://www.leicesterprep.co.uk
Proprietor	Mr Francis Fernandes
Headteacher	Mr Francis Fernandes
Age range	2 to 11
Number of pupils	61
Date of previous inspection	11 to 13 June 2024

Information about the school

10. Leicester Preparatory School is a co-educational day school located in the city of Leicester. The sole proprietor has acted as the headteacher since January 2024.
11. There are 43 pupils in the early years which comprises two Nursery classes and one Reception class.
12. The school has identified three pupils as having special educational needs and/or disabilities. There are no pupils in the school who have an education, health and care plan.
13. The school has identified two pupils for whom English is an additional language.
14. The school states that its aims are to inspire ambition in its pupils and unlock their potential through excellent teaching and creating an environment in which they feel happy, valued and respected.

Purpose of the material change inspection

Inspectors carried out this inspection under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008. This inspection was an unannounced progress monitoring inspection which was carried out at the request of the DfE. The purpose of this inspection was to monitor the progress the school has made in meeting the Independent School Standards and any other requirements that the school was judged not to comply with at its previous inspection.

Inspection details

Inspection dates	7 February 2025

15. One reporting inspector visited the school for one day.
16. Inspection activities included:

- scrutiny of a range of policies, documentation and records provided by the school and information available on the school's website
- discussion with the chair of the proprietorial advisory board
- discussions with the headteacher, who is also the sole proprietor, school leaders and other members of staff
- discussions with pupils.

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