



Progress Monitoring Inspection Report

Wribbenhall School

January 2024

School's details

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Age range	5 to 11
Number of pupils on roll	6
	Juniors 6
Date of inspection	18 January 2024

1. Introduction

Characteristics of the school

- 1.1 Wribbenhall School is a co-educational independent day school which caters for pupils with a range of social, emotional and mental health needs. It is located in the sole proprietor's home on the outskirts of Bewdley. The proprietor acts as the head of the school. The school has six pupils, all funded by the local authority. All require support for special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and have an education health and care (EHC) plan. No pupils speak English as an additional language. The school's previous inspection was a material change inspection in July 2023.

Purpose of the inspection

- 1.2 This was an unannounced progress monitoring inspection at the request of the Department for Education (DfE) to check that the school has fully implemented the action plan submitted following the material change inspection on 11 July 2023. The inspection focused on the school's compliance with the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014.
- 1.3 Additionally, this inspection serves as a material change inspection to assess the school's proposal to increase its capacity from 4 to 6 pupils and to increase the age range of pupils from 5 to 11 to 5 to 13.

Regulations which were the focus of the inspection	Team judgements
Part 3, paragraph 7 (safeguarding)	Met
Part 8, paragraph 34 (leadership and management)	Met

2. Inspection findings

Welfare, health and safety of pupils – safeguarding [ISSR Part 3, paragraph 7]

Safeguarding policy

- 2.1 The school meets the requirements.
- 2.2 The school has an appropriate policy for safeguarding which provides suitable arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school.

Safeguarding implementation

- 2.3 The school meets the standard.
- 2.4 The school implements its safeguarding policy effectively in line with *Keeping children Safe in Education* (KCSIE) 2023. This ensures that pupils' wellbeing is promoted appropriately. A new designated safeguarding lead (DSL) has sufficient status and authority and works with appropriate independence. The DSL, deputy DSL, and the head are all trained appropriately at the advanced level. A safeguarding governor has been appointed who is suitably trained. This ensures regular and effective oversight of the safeguarding team. Suitable recruitment procedures are stipulated in safeguarding arrangements. School staff receive appropriate and regular safeguarding training, including in the risks associated with extremism. This includes a weekly update on safeguarding. Suitable records of training are kept for all staff.
- 2.5 The school keeps effective records for pupils of concern which include clear chronologies of any incidents and contacts with children's services. The school is suitably vigilant in its care for its pupils, liaises closely with parents and carers and refers concerns promptly to external agencies. Staff are aware of the vulnerability of the pupils and respond to their particular needs with vigilance and care. They have a clear understanding of the need to report any concerns about adults, including low level concerns. A suitable log of any such concerns is kept.
- 2.6 In discussion, pupils confirmed that they would be happy to report any concerns they have to adults in the school. They feel safe and well cared for. Records of safeguarding confirm that if they report concerns, they receive a response and appropriate action is taken when necessary. The school teaches pupils about how to keep themselves safe online and pupils confirmed that they understand the risks associated with online behaviour.
- 2.7 Safeguarding arrangements are sufficient to ensure the wellbeing of pupils as the numbers increase from 4 to 6 and the age range is extended from 5 to 11 to 5 to 13.

Quality of leadership and management [ISSR Part 8, paragraph 34]

- 2.8 The school meets the standard.
- 2.9 The proprietor has implemented in full the actions set out in response to the findings of the previous inspection. As a result, the proprietor ensures that the other standards are met consistently and that the school actively promotes the wellbeing of pupils.

3. Regulatory action points

- 3.1 For the regulations which were the focus of this inspection, the school meets all of the requirements of the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 and no further action is required as a result of this inspection.

4. Recommendation with regard to material change inspection

Summary of findings

- 4.1 The school has effectively implemented its action plan by appointing a new and independent DSL. Suitable arrangements are now in place to cater for the increased capacity and the extension of the age range of pupils.

Recommendation

- 4.2 It is recommended that the school's proposal to increase the school's capacity from 4 to 6 pupils and its age range from 5 to 11 to 5 to 13 be approved.

5. Summary of evidence

- 5.1 The inspector held discussions with the head and other members of staff. She spoke to the safeguarding governor by telephone, visited different areas of the school and talked with a group of pupils. She scrutinised a range of documentation, records and policies.