

The Beeches Independent School

218 Dogsthorpe Road, Peterborough, PE1 3PB

Inspection dates

4 June 2015

Overall outcome

Independent school standards not met

Context of the inspection

- Following the purchase of a second house in close proximity to The Beeches, the proprietor made an application to increase the number on roll to 21 and change the age-range to nine to 19.
- A material change inspection on 18 November 2014 found that the school did not meet all the independent school standards. There was no washbasin in the room designated for sick and injured pupils in the new premises. The temperature of the hot water was not controlled to avoid the risk of scalding to users.
- The school submitted an action plan in 17 December 2014 which was approved.

Main findings

Premises and accommodation

- At the material change inspection of 18 November 2014 the school did not have a washbasin in the room designated for sick and injured pupils.
- In its action plan of 17 December 2014, the school proposed the installation of a washing facility in this room. A plumber had provided a quotation and the work was approved by the proprietor.
- A hand washing facility was fitted on 4 December 2014. The school made a satisfactory response both in terms of action and timescale. This inspection confirms the successful implementation of the plan.
- At the material change inspection of the school of 18 November 2014 the temperature of the hot water in the washrooms in the new premises was not controlled to avoid the risk of scalding to users.
- In its action plan of 17 December 2014, the school proposed that a temperature restrictor be fitted to the water system. A plumber had provided a quotation and the work was approved by the proprietor. A restrictor was fitted on 4 December 2014.
- The school made a satisfactory response both in terms of action and timescale.
- In preparation for this present inspection, the school's website was scrutinised. It did not include a copy of the school's safeguarding policy as required. As a consequence of this failure to meet requirements, the school does not meet the standards for leadership and management in terms of meeting all the standards and in ensuring the well-being of pupils.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 and associated requirements

- The school must ensure that its safeguarding policy is published on the school's website (paragraphs 32(1), 32(1)(c)).
- The proprietor, leaders and managers must fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the independent school standards are met consistently and the well-being of pupils is actively promoted (paragraphs 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c)).

Inspection team

Peter McKenzie, Lead inspector

Additional Inspector

Information about this school

- This is a small school which caters for both residential and day students. It opened in September 2012.
- It is registered for up to nine students aged from ten to 19 years with behavioural, emotional and social difficulties (BESD) or autistic spectrum disorder (ASD).
- There are currently seven students on roll aged from ten to 18 years. Four are residents and six have a statement of special educational needs.

School details

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Type of school	Independent school
School status	Independent special school]
Age range of pupils	10–19
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	Boys
Number of pupils on the school roll	7
Of which, number of pupils in the sixth form	1
Number of part time pupils	0
Number of boarders on roll	4
Proprietor	Beeches UK
Chair	Quintin Lovis
Headteacher	Deborah Hayward
Date of previous school inspection	9 October 2013
Annual fees (day pupils)	£49,000
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