

Kensington Wade

Melcombe Primary School, Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9ER

Inspection dates

31 August 2022

Overall outcome

The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material changes relating to the school provision are implemented

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7, 11, 12, 14 and 16

- Leaders have a clear understanding of the latest statutory safeguarding requirements. The school's policy and staff training package reflect the updated 'Keeping children safe in education' (September 2022) guidance. Leaders follow up concerns appropriately and record their actions thoroughly. Though this inspection was conducted without pupils present, the available evidence suggests that pupils continue to be kept as safe as possible.
- The school's health and safety and risk assessment policies are suitable and likely to continue to be implemented well at the new premises. Written risk assessments are thorough. Leaders from Kensington Wade and Melcombe Primary School plan to meet weekly to ensure high standards of health and safety are maintained.
- Leaders have taken effective action in light of the findings from a recent external fire risk assessment. All the required fire safety checks are being completed and recorded in line with the requirements.
- Arrangements to increase class sizes and staffing levels in line with the proposed increase in pupil numbers are likely to be suitable.
- The independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if the material changes are implemented.

Part 4. Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors

All paragraphs

- Leaders ensure that all the required checks are being carried out on the adults involved in leading, working and volunteering at the school. The single central record (SCR) of these checks records them accurately, in line with national guidance.
- The independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if the material changes are implemented.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The school's new premises are located within a large primary school. They include six spacious classrooms, a hall, a specialist music room, and a large nursery space.
- There is substantial outdoor playground space for recreation, play and sports. The Nursery has its own secure outdoor learning area.
- The toilet, washing and medical room facilities are all likely to meet the requirements.
- Suitably labelled drinking water supplies are readily available throughout the school.
- Hot water is safely regulated.
- Arrangements for acoustics are likely to be suitable, as the large classrooms have had acoustics boards fitted to their ceilings.
- Suitable indoor and outdoor lights are in place throughout the premises.
- The premises are secure, clean, and well maintained. They have been refurbished to a high standard. Final minor works to upgrade some hinges and smoke seals on two fire doors are booked for completion on 3 September 2022.
- The premises are likely to comfortably accommodate up to 180 pupils.
- The independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if the material changes are implemented.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraph 32(1)(c)

- The school's safeguarding policy is readily available online.
- This requirement continues to be met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34

- Proprietors have invested heavily, and leaders have prepared meticulously, for the move to these new premises. Leaders demonstrate a sound working knowledge and understanding of the independent school standards.
- The independent school standard in this part is likely to continue to be met if the material changes are implemented.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school is likely to meet the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that are relevant to the material changes.

School details

Unique reference number	144965
DfE registration number	207/6014
Inspection number	10246771

This inspection was carried out under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material changes that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Other Independent School
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Anglo Chinese School of London Ltd
Chair	Hugo William De Burgh
Headteacher	Suzanne Haigh
Annual fees (day pupils)	£19,680
Telephone number	020 3096 2888
Website	www.kensingtonwade.com
Email address	office@kensingtonwade.com
Date of previous standard inspection	22–24 March 2022

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	3 to 11	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	104	180	180

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	No change
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	83	Up to 152
Number of part-time pupils	0	No change
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	11	Up to 20
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	0	Up to 3
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	0	Up to 3

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	13	16
Number of part-time teaching staff	3	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	6	9

Information about this school

- Kensington Wade is a dual-language independent primary day school in the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. Pupils learn in English and Mandarin.
- The school's most recent inspection was a full inspection in March 2022, when its overall effectiveness was judged to be good.
- The school's current maximum capacity is 100 pupils. There are currently 104 pupils on the school's roll.

Information about this inspection

- This was the first material change inspection commissioned by the Department for Education (DfE) to consider the school's application to make two material changes to its registration agreement. The changes were to relocate the school's premises and to increase the school's maximum capacity to 180 pupils.
- The inspection was announced on Friday 26 August 2022.
- The DfE requested that the inspector consider whether particular independent school standards contained within Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 are likely to continue to be met if the material changes are approved.
- The inspector met with the headteacher, who is also the school's designated safeguarding leader. He also met with the principal and the organisation's chief executive officer. There were no pupils present during the inspection.
- The inspector had a tour of the new premises and reviewed documentation, including concerning safeguarding, health and safety, fire safety, and risk assessment. He also checked the school's SCR.
- The inspection considered the most recent responses on Ofsted Parent View.

Inspection team

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