

International Stanborough School

International Stanborough School, Stanborough Park, Watford WD25 9JT

Inspection date

13/01/2017

Context of the inspection

This monitoring visit was requested by the Department for Education in response to the three unmet national minimum standards identified at the full inspection in June 2016.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

On 15 June 2016, Ofsted undertook a full inspection of the school. The overall effectiveness was judged as good, showing that the school had made significant progress. Three national minimum standards, relating to monitoring by the governing body, updating risk assessments and the regular supervision of boarding staff, were unmet at this inspection. Since the last inspection, the school has continued to make good progress and it now meets all of the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

National minimum standards

A progress monitoring visit was undertaken on 13 January 2017 to evaluate the progress made in meeting the unmet national minimum standards. The school has addressed the shortfalls and met the three national minimum standards raised at the full inspection.

The governing body has visited the boarding provision on three occasions since the full inspection. These visits were unannounced. The chair of governors visited the accommodation, shared a meal with the young people and held discussions with young people and with the boarding staff. This was followed by a visit from the education director of the governing board and another visit from the chair of the governors. The visits have generated feedback and a report to the governing board. This provides an external critique on the delivery and management of the boarding provision. New induction training for governors is being sourced to guide the governors in compiling a concise monitoring report and to develop a specific focus for each visit.

The head of boarding has introduced supervision for all of the boarding staff. The supervision records demonstrate that each member of the boarding staff has had

supervision. These meetings generate actions and training requirements. The supervisions have been held termly and will provide a basis for an annual appraisal. This ensures that the boarding staff are offered professional development and training opportunities to support them in their roles.

At the previous inspection, young people's files did not capture all of the information in relation to concerns about behaviour. The senior leadership team has implemented a new system. Any concerns are reported to the head of boarding who collates all of the information centrally in relation to incidents. This provides a better oversight of behavioural incidents and the school's responses to these incidents. This fully supports the school's behaviour management policy.

Two points for improvement were raised at the full inspection. One in relation to the provision of snacks throughout the day and the other in relation to updating the room risk assessments.

Snacks, including fruit juice, biscuits, fresh fruit and crisps, are offered every day. These are free and given to the young people at the start of the day for break times. Water is available from water fountains throughout the school. This ensures that in-between meals young people have a snack option.

Room dynamic risk assessments were in place previously but new information in regard to individual vulnerabilities and differences was not included. Managers have updated the risk assessments, which now include all of the information known to the staff. Risk assessments are regularly reviewed. This ensures that all of the young people are monitored and that relationship dynamics are given due consideration, supporting young people's well-being.

Inspection team

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Lead social care inspector

Information about this school

International Stanborough School makes provision for students who are learning to speak English as an additional language and provides services to local and international students from varied cultural backgrounds. The school operates on the principles established by the Seventh Day Adventist Church and is owned and operated by the British Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. International Stanborough School is separately registered with the Department for Education, but occupies the same facilities as Stanborough School, which is an independent secondary and boarding school inspected by the Independent Schools' Inspectorate. The last Ofsted inspection took place in June 2016. The boarding house is situated in one wing of the main school building, boys on one floor and girls on another. The boarding school has the capacity to house approximately 70 students, both male and female, in 29 bedrooms.

School details

Unique reference number	134933
Social care unique reference number	SC019554
DfE registration number	919/6209

This inspection was carried out under the Children Act 1989, as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000, having regard to the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

The inspection 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.

Type of school	Boarding school
Number of boarders on roll	27
Gender of boarders	Mixed
Age range of boarders	11 to 18
Headteacher	Mrs Lorraine Dixon
Date of previous boarding inspection	15/06/2016
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