

Progression 2 Work

Old Beauvale School, Beauvale, Newthorpe, Nottinghamshire NG16 2EZ

Unique reference number (URN): 148188

Material change inspection report:

16 April 2026

Overall outcome

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

This inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education (DfE), which is the registration authority for independent schools. The school has applied to the DfE to make a material change to its registration. The school proposes to change the maximum number of pupils attending.

The purpose of the inspection is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards that are relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

When we carry out material change inspections of independent schools, we report on the school's likely compliance with part 8 of the independent school standards first. Under part 8, the proprietor is required to ensure that the school meets all of the independent school standards (the standards) consistently. The standard in part 8 is intended to ensure that the quality of leadership and management at the school is sufficient for that purpose.

Proprietors and leaders have planned well for this material change. They demonstrate good knowledge and skills relating to the standards checked during this inspection. They have suitable capacity to ensure that the full range of the independent school standards are met over time.

The standards checked are likely to be met across both sites should the material change be approved.

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Safeguarding

The school continues to have effective safeguarding procedures. Leaders follow up on any concerns robustly. They typically record their actions appropriately. Staff receive regular training. Leaders understand the added vulnerabilities that the pupils at the school face.

The school has a written safeguarding policy. It is updated annually. It is made available to parents and carers. It aligns with relevant, national guidance.

Supervision of pupils

The school plans to appoint additional personnel so that there are sufficient staff to supervise and support pupils' education and wellbeing. Staff will be suitably experienced and deployed appropriately.

Health and safety, including fire

The school's health and safety policy sets out suitable procedures to ensure the safety of staff and pupils. Leaders carry out systematic health and safety checks to make sure that the school is safe. These include checks on risks associated with fire, electricity, water and asbestos. They plan to move from recording these checks in paper to electronic form.

Leaders complete a detailed fire risk assessment of the site and premises annually for the existing site. They have also completed a fire risk assessment for the proposed, additional site. They have had appropriate training to enable this. They respond swiftly to any action points identified. Leaders have appointed an external consultant to conduct an independent fire risk assessment for both the existing and proposed premises. This is due to be completed on 29 April 2026.

Risk assessment

The school has a suitable risk assessment policy in place. It has a broad suite of risk assessments. These calculate the nature of risks and set out how these will be mitigated. The school also carries out a risk assessment for each pupil. These are updated regularly.

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

The recruitment checks made on staff, supply staff and the proprietor

The school has appropriate procedures in place to recruit the additional staff required should the material change be approved. Leaders have a secure understanding of the checks that must be carried out before new staff take up post. All the relevant checks have been carried out for existing staff and proprietors.

The single central record of these recruitment checks

The school's single central record, which is up to date, includes all the required recruitment checks. The proprietor has completed the necessary checks on staff who hold leadership and management responsibilities. The proprietor carries out robust checks on staff who have lived or worked overseas.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Toilet and washing facilities, water supply, changing accommodation and showers

There are suitable, separate toilet and washing facilities that are provided for the sole use of pupils in both the existing school and the proposed, additional site. Leaders plan to increase the number of toilets available to pupils at the existing school site. The school has suitable rooms for pupils to change and a shower to use when they are in receipt of physical education (PE) at the existing school site. Leaders intend that all PE will take place at this location.

Medical room and accommodation for pupils' therapy needs

Both the existing and proposed buildings have a room set aside for the care of pupils who are sick or injured. They are suitably equipped and near a toilet.

Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of pupils

Both buildings are suitable for use. Leaders ensure that the premises and accommodation do not pose any health and safety risks. They take appropriate actions to protect pupils and to rectify any issues that emerge.

Lighting and acoustic conditions

Internal and external lighting are appropriate at both sites. External lights are activated by sensors.

Outdoor space

The existing school site continues to have suitable outdoor space for PE and for pupils to play. It is made up of a hardstanding playground area, and the school's

spacious field. The proposed second site has a small, fenced-off area to the rear. However, it is intended that pupils will make use of the outdoor facilities at the existing school site.

The school's accessibility plan

The school has an appropriate accessibility plan. It focuses on improving the physical environment, increasing curriculum participation and improving the delivery of accessible information.

About this inspection

The inspector carried out this inspection under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002, at the request of the registration authority for independent schools.

The inspector checked the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards. These are the requirements set out in the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014.

Following our renewed inspection framework, all inspections are now led by His Majesty's Inspectors (HMIs) or by Ofsted Inspectors (OIs) who have previously served as HMIs.

The inspector spoke with the headteacher, members of the proprietor body and the designated lead for safeguarding during the inspection. The inspector spoke informally to staff and pupils on both sites visited.

The school provides education for pupils with moderate learning difficulties. These include pupils with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and pupils with behavioural, emotional, social and communication needs. Some pupils have education and health care plans. Some pupils are dual registered.

The school uses one unregistered alternative provision, Progression 4 Work. This is a separate business owned and operated by the proprietor. If the material change is permitted, the proprietor will cease to operate this provision.

The school is located at Old Beauvale School, Beauvale, Newthorpe, Nottinghamshire NG16 2EZ. If the material change is agreed, the school will use a second site. This will be Units 1 to 3, Willow court, Cordy Lane, Underwood, Nottinghamshire NG16 7FD. This is where Progression 4 Work currently operates.

There have been no relevant changes since the previous inspection.

The school is operating beyond its registration agreement with the DfE (as it is recorded on GIAS) as it has admitted pupils above the registered age range. Leaders report that they have notified the DfE of this but were unable to provide evidence to substantiate this during the inspection.

Lead inspector

Vic Wilkinson

His Majesty's Inspector

About this school

Proprietor

Progression 2Work Limited

Headteacher

Mr Jason Keddy

Type of school

Other independent special school

Capacity

40

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age on roll

36

Number of part-time pupils of compulsory school age on roll

0

Age range of pupils

11 to 21

Gender of pupils

Mixed

Annual fees for day pupils

From £40,950 to £55,450

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