

Progress monitoring inspection report

11 October 2024

Emmaus School

School Lane

Staverton

Trowbridge

Wiltshire

BA14 6NZ

The Independent Schools Inspectorate is appointed by the Department for Education to inspect association independent schools in England. Our inspections report on the extent to which the statutory Independent School Standards and other applicable regulatory requirements are met, collectively referred to in this report as 'the Standards'.

Inspection outcome

The school meets all the relevant Standards that were considered during this inspection.

Inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

ISSR Paragraphs 6, 7(a) and 7(b),11; EYFS Safeguarding and welfare requirements 3.55

1. The school has an appropriate policy for safeguarding which provides suitable arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school.
2. Arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils, including children in early years, are implemented effectively. This includes those relating to the Prevent duty. Pupils feel safe in school. Pupils are confident they can turn to staff for help and support if they are worried or concerned.
3. The designated safeguarding leaders receive relevant training for their roles, including in the early years. Staff are trained thoroughly in the school's safeguarding procedures when they join the school, including about the staff code of conduct. Further information is given in training sessions at the start of the school year and through regular staff updates. Staff have a clear understanding of statutory requirements in relation to safeguarding, including contextual safeguarding, the management of child-on-child abuse and how to respond to low-level concerns about adults.
4. Leaders have put in place systems that support the effective management of health and safety. Task management workflows with key tasks identified are in place. Staff and the governor responsible for the oversight of health and safety have received training to carry out their roles.
5. Leaders have implemented an effective system for regular water temperature checks to reduce the potential risks posed by legionella. All checks are recorded and reviewed appropriately.
6. Governors ensure effective oversight of health and safety. The link governor who oversees the monitoring of health and safety meets regularly with the operations manager. The link governor conducts regular site visits. Any issues identified are followed up promptly. A health and safety report is produced three times a year which is reviewed by the full governing board.
7. Staff receive regular training on health and safety and understand the school procedures. The health and safety policy is reviewed annually and updated as required.
8. The school meets the Standards.

Part 6. Provision of information

ISSR paragraph 32(1)(c)

9. The school meets the requirements for providing information relating to safeguarding to parents. The school's safeguarding policy is published on the school's website.
10. The school meets the Standards.

Part 8. Quality of leadership and management of schools

ISSR paragraphs 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c), 34(2)

11. The proprietor and school leaders have ensured that the school has implemented its action plan fully, so that the school now meets the Standards consistently, including the Standards relating to the early years foundation stage. Leaders have ensured that the school's policies and procedures are up to date and reflect statutory guidance. The proprietor has ensured that effective procedures for monitoring all aspects of the school's work are in place. Leaders actively promote the wellbeing of pupils, including children in the early years. Leaders have provided training to enable all staff to carry out their roles knowledgeably and effectively.
12. The school meets the Standards.

School details

School	Emmaus School
Department for Education number	865/6032
Address	Emmaus School School Lane Staverton Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 6NZ
Phone number	01225 782684
Email address	info@emmaus-school.org.uk
Website	www.emmaus-school.org.uk
Proprietor	Emmaus School Ltd
Chair	Mr Kevin Wiltshire
Headteacher	Mrs Miriam Wiltshire
Age range	4-16
Number of pupils	58
Number of children in the early years	5
Date of previous inspection	23 January 2024

Information about the school

13. Emmaus School is a co-educational, independent Christian day school located in Trowbridge, Wiltshire. The school was opened in 1997 by the headteacher and founding governors. The school occupies the site of the old village school and has been extended to provide additional accommodation. It has a playground and use of playing fields nearby.
14. There are five children in the early years in one Reception class.
15. The school has identified five pupils as having special educational needs and/or disabilities. One pupil in the school has an education, health and care plan.
16. English is an additional language for five pupils.
17. The school states that its aims are to provide a caring Christian environment that encourages pupils to develop creativity, diligence, joyfulness and forgiveness. It seeks to inspire pupils to emerge as young adults who are independent thinkers and who view education as a lifelong process.

Purpose of the progress monitoring inspection

Inspectors conducted this inspection under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008. This inspection was an unannounced progress monitoring inspection which was conducted at the request of the DfE. The purpose of this inspection was to monitor the progress the school has made in meeting the Independent School Standards and Early Years Foundation Stage requirements and any other requirements that were not met at the previous inspection.

Inspection details

Inspection dates 11 October 2024

18. Two reporting inspectors visited the school for one day.
19. Inspection activities included:
 - scrutiny of a range of policies, documentation and records provided by the school and information available on the school's website
 - tour of the school site to inspect health and safety procedures and arrangements
 - discussions with members of the governing body
 - discussions with the headteacher, school leaders, managers and other members of staff
 - discussions with pupils and staff.

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