

Avecinna Academy

2 March 2017

The Garrison Centre, 106 Garrison Lane, Bordesley, Birmingham B9 4BS

Overall outcome

The school meets all of the independent school standards that were checked during this inspection

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7, 7(a) and 7(b).

- These standards were met at the time of the previous progress monitoring inspection in September 2016. The school's safeguarding policy is up to date and the proprietor makes sure that current government guidance fully informs the contents of the policy. The safeguarding policy is on the school's website. Other related safeguarding and child protection policies are readily available to parents and others on request. For example, the school's behaviour and anti-bullying policies were quickly available for the inspector to scrutinise.
- Safeguarding and child protection procedures meet requirements and are informed by, and reflect, current guidance issued by the Secretary of State. The proprietor and leaders implement the range of policies, for example the first aid policy, effectively. Pupils who spoke with the inspector said that they feel safe in school. Pupils are fully aware of the potential dangers and risks they may face in the local and wider community. For example, pupils understand the possible risks associated with using the internet or mobile phones or from people who might want them to be unlawful or antisocial. The proprietor and staff teach pupils effectively about how to identify, reduce and address these hazards.
- The school's arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils are effective. As a result, the school continues to meet these standards.

Paragraphs 11, 16 and 16(a).

- At the previous inspection in September 2016, the school did not have a written risk assessment policy. As a consequence, the school was unable to implement health and safety laws effectively.
- The school now has a written risk assessment policy. The proprietor has completed appropriate risk assessments for specific subjects, for example physical education, school trips and visits and extra-curricular activities. He has also completed them for the school buildings and surroundings. The proprietor ensures that staff implement the risk assessment policy effectively.
- The proprietor has updated the school's health and safety policy since the previous

inspection. There are clear links between this policy and other related policies, for example fire safety, electrical safety and the school's arrangements for storing hazardous substances. The proprietor and staff make sure that they implement the policies effectively. As a result, the school complies with relevant health and safety laws.

- The proprietor and school leaders have ensured that the school now meets these standards.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraph 32(1)(c).

- This standard was met at the time of the previous inspection in September 2016.
- The school's safeguarding and child protection policy is on the school's website. All other policies relating to the school's arrangements for safeguarding pupils and health and safety are readily available for parents and others.
- The school continues to meet this standard.

Part 8. Quality of leadership and management of schools

Paragraphs 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b) and 34(1)(c).

- At the time of the previous inspection in September 2016, not all of the independent school standards were met. The proprietor had not ensured that there was a written risk assessment policy. As a consequence, the school could not comply with the relevant health and safety laws.
- The proprietor has successfully implemented appropriate actions to address the previous failings. For example, a written risk assessment policy is now in place and implemented effectively. As a result, the school complies with the relevant health and safety laws.
- Pupils who spoke with the inspector said that they feel safe and know that they are safe in school. They know who to go to should they have any concerns or worries. The school's safety curriculum prepares pupils well to deal with the potential risks they may face in the local and wider community.
- The proprietor demonstrates a secure understanding of health and safety and the necessary arrangements to make sure that pupils are safe. He ensures that staff implement all the safeguarding and health and safety policies effectively. Pupils' well-being is well promoted.
- The proprietor has ensured that the school now meets these standards.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that were checked during this inspection. This included the standards and requirements that the school was judged to not comply with at the previous inspection. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

The school now meets the following independent school standards

- Paragraphs 11 and 16(a)
- Paragraphs 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b) and 34(1)(c)

School Details

Unique reference number	140382
DfE registration number	330/6016
Inspection number	10026657

This inspection was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's suitability for continued registration as an independent school.

Type of school	Secondary
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	11 to 17
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	65
Of which, number on roll in sixth form	0
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	Mr Mohamed Dahir
Headteacher	Mr Mohamed Dahir
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,200
Telephone number	0121 771 4782
Website	www.avecinnaacademy.com
Email address	enquiries@avecinnaacademy.com
Date of previous standard inspection	23–25 September 2014

Information about this school

- AVECINNA Academy is an independent day school offering full-time education for up to 100 boys and girls aged 11 to 17. The school has a Muslim religious ethos.
- The school was first registered as an independent girls' Islamic school in November 2013.
- Boys were admitted in September 2014 following an application for a material change.
- In September 2015, the school moved to its current premises in the Garrison Centre in

the Bordesley Green area of Birmingham.

- None of the pupils has a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan.
- The majority of pupils are of Somali heritage.
- The school does not use alternative educational provision.
- Boys and girls are taught separately in all year groups.
- A very large majority of pupils enter the school at times other than the start of Year 7.

Information about this inspection

- This unannounced progress monitoring inspection was carried out at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. The purpose of the inspection was to monitor the progress the school has made in meeting the independent school standards and other requirements that it was judged to not comply with at its previous inspection.
- This is the third progress monitoring inspection since the school was judged to require improvement at the standard inspection in September 2014.
- The inspector visited all the classes in the school and observed pupils' learning and behaviour.
- The views of pupils were considered through informal and formal discussions.
- The inspector scrutinised documents including information on current pupils' progress, behaviour and attendance, the checks made on staff's suitability to work with children, the school's admissions and attendance registers, the school's safeguarding, health and safety and risk assessment policies and other school policies and risk assessments.
- The inspector held discussions with the proprietor, who is also the headteacher, leaders and staff.

Inspection team

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Her Majesty's Inspector

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