

# Peregrinate School

Norris Green Youth Centre, Townsend Avenue, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 5AF

**Inspection date**

17 March 2022

**Overall outcome**

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

## Main inspection findings

### Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

#### *Paragraph 7, 32, 32(1)(c)*

- The school's written safeguarding policy is comprehensive and up to date. It shows due regard for the current guidance from the Secretary of State. The proprietor has shared the policy with staff and published it on the school's website.
- Regular safeguarding training for staff ensures that they maintain their up-to-date knowledge of how to identify and report any concerns regarding pupils' welfare. Leaders are knowledgeable about how to manage any safeguarding concerns that might arise. They have effective systems in place to record and share information with appropriate authorities to help keep pupils safe.
- The recruitment and selection procedures for new staff are appropriate. These procedures help to ensure that staff appointed to the school are suitable to work with pupils. Leaders intend for all new staff to receive appropriate safeguarding training as part of their induction.

#### *Paragraph 11, 13, 14*

- The school's written health and safety policy takes account of current legislation and is tailored to the school's operation across two sites. The proprietor routinely checks that fire detection systems on the school's sites are suitably maintained and effective. Leaders have up-to-date certificates for the required health and safety checks on both sites. These include checks on the suitability of the fixed electrical installation on each site and portable appliance testing. These checks have been carried out by competent and qualified persons.
- The written first aid policy is fit for purpose. The proprietor has ensured that sufficient numbers of staff are qualified in administering first aid. The proprietor has made sure that there are suitable first aid resources available for when pupils are in school or off site.
- Leaders have appropriate systems in place to record incidents relating to health and safety or accidents and illness.

- Leaders have ensured that the current staff are deployed appropriately to provide effective supervision for the pupils on the school's roll. The proprietor has suitable plans in place to maintain effective supervision when pupil numbers increase in line with the requested material change.

#### *Paragraph 12*

- The proprietor has taken action to ensure that the two school sites comply with all of the relevant fire-safety regulations. Annual maintenance of firefighting equipment, such as fire extinguishers, has been completed. The proprietor has ensured that an appropriate fire risk assessment has been carried out by a competent person. All required remedial actions identified as part of the assessment have been satisfactorily completed.
- The standards relating to pupils' welfare, health and safety checked at this material change inspection are likely to be met.

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

##### *Paragraph 18(2)-18(2)(e), 18(3), 19(2)-19(2)(d)(ii), 19(3), 20(6)-20(6)(c), 21(1)-21(7)(b)*

- The single central record is in place. It meets all of the requirements. The proprietor demonstrates a secure understanding of the need to keep this record up to date. Leaders also ensure that they complete all suitability checks before a member of staff takes up their appointment at the school.
- The proprietor has completed all of the required checks on those persons who hold a leadership and management position in the school.
- The proprietor has appropriate procedures in place to recruit any additional staff when required should the material change to increase the number of pupils on roll be granted.
- The proprietor demonstrates a secure knowledge of the appropriate checks that must be completed for any member of staff who has lived or worked outside of the United Kingdom. Currently, no one on the staff team has required these checks to be completed.
- Leaders are aware of the procedures that they should follow if they employ agency staff or accept volunteers in school. Currently, the school does not use agency staff.
- The standards relating to the suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors are likely to be met.

#### Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

##### *Paragraph 23(1)-23(1)(c), 25, 28-28(2)(b)*

- The school is housed on two sites, both of which are co-located within community centres. The proprietor has ensured that the parts of the buildings used by the school are maintained to a suitable standard.
- Toilet facilities are provided for the sole use of pupils on both school sites. Toilets are accessible to pupils throughout the day and equipped with suitable locks. Separate toilet facilities are available for adults. Both sites have appropriate toilet facilities for

pupils and adults who may have disabilities. Toilets and washing facilities have hot and cold running water. The hot water does not pose a scalding risk to users.

- The school has appropriate facilities for pupils to change for physical education (PE). These are located on the Croxteth Hall site where the PE element of the curriculum is delivered. The school's shower facilities are purpose built within the changing rooms. The shower facilities are well equipped and clean.
- Pupils have access to drinking water throughout the school day. This is supplied through clearly labelled taps in the kitchen area of each of the two sites.

#### *Paragraph 24*

- Each of the school's two sites has a designated medical room. These rooms are also used as a toilet facility for people with disabilities. The medical rooms are fit for the purpose of treating sick or injured pupils or staff. Each room contains a bed and a sink with a hot and cold running water supply. Each room also contains a toilet and a first aid kit.

#### *Paragraph 26, 27-27(b)*

- The acoustic conditions of classrooms are suitable for the activities that take place in them. The school has six teaching areas, although not all are currently in use. The classrooms provide sufficient space for the current numbers of pupils on role and the proposed capacity increase included in the material change request.
- Lighting in all rooms is of an acceptable standard and suitable for pupils' learning. External lighting is in place to provide safe access and exit from each of the school's sites during the hours of darkness.

#### *Paragraph 29(1)-29(1)(b)*

- Pupils have access to outdoor space on the school's two sites. This space is suitable for recreational activities. The Croxteth site also has two purpose-built, floodlit, synthetic multi-sport pitches. These are suitable for the delivery of the PE curriculum.
- The standards relating to the premises and accommodation of the school are likely to be met.

### Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

#### *Paragraph 34(1)-34(1)(c)*

- The proprietor demonstrates a secure understanding of the independent school standards. She has the knowledge and skills to carry out her role effectively. The proprietor makes use of external educational experts to support the effective operation of the school.
- Leaders are vigilant about all aspects of safeguarding. They demonstrate an effective knowledge of how to manage safeguarding concerns. Leaders promote the welfare, health and safety of pupils effectively. Suitable provision is in place to support pupils' well-being.
- The proprietor has ensured that the standards relating to the material change request are likely to be met if the change is approved.

## **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 change.

## School details

Unique reference number	145160
DfE registration number	341/6025
Inspection number	10230098

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 compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Independent
School status	Independent special school
Proprietor	Angela Mollan
Chair	Angela Mollan
Headteacher	Angela Mollan
Annual fees (day pupils)	£9,500
Telephone number	0151 319 4646
Website	peregrinate.school
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Dates of previous standard inspection	19 to 21 June 2018

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	11 to 16	11 to 16	11 to 16
Number of pupils on the school roll	29	60	60

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Mixed

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	29	60
Number of part-time pupils	12	As required
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	7	As required
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	7	As required
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	6	As required

## Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	5	8
Number of part-time teaching staff	1	As required
Number of staff in the welfare provision	2	4

## Information about this school

- Since the previous standard inspection, the school has moved premises. It operates from two new sites. These sites are co-located within community youth centres. These youth centres are the Norris Green Youth Centre and the Rhys Jones Community Centre, Croxteth Hall.
- School leaders do not use any alternative provision.

## Information about this inspection

- The material change inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education because the proprietor has moved to operate from two new premises. The proprietor also requested an increase in the number of pupils on roll across the whole school from 30 pupils to 60 pupils.
- The inspector met with the school's proprietor, who is also the headteacher, and other senior leaders to discuss all aspects of the material change.
- The inspector was accompanied by the proprietor as he toured the two sites on which the school operates.
- The inspector scrutinised a range of documentation relating to safeguarding, the school premises and leadership and management.

## Inspection team

John Nixon, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

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