

The Villa

54 Lyndhurst Grove, London SE15 5AH

Inspection dates

15 January 2019

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), 7(b), 11, 14, 16, 16(a), 16(b), 25, 32(1), 32(1)(c)

- Leaders take pupils' safety extremely seriously and operate in accordance with the latest statutory guidance, including 'Keeping children safe in education' (September 2018) and the statutory requirements of the early years foundation stage.
- The school's culture of safety, as identified at the previous full standard inspection in June 2018, remains strong. The school's suitable child protection policy is published on the school's website. All requirements relating to staff training, recruitment checks and the management of concerns and referrals are met.
- The school is well organised, richly resourced and well staffed. The ratios of staff to pupils in all year groups are in line with statutory requirements.
- The premises are safe, secure, well maintained and appropriately risk assessed, in accordance with the school's appropriate risk assessment and health and safety policies.
- All the independent school standards that were checked (listed above) are met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c)

- The proprietor and the school's leaders are realistic, proactive and effective. Where areas for improvement have been identified in the past, such as in relation to supervision ratios at lunchtimes or the use of new playground equipment, leaders have taken effective action to both further safeguard pupils and ensure statutory compliance.
- Leaders have ensured that they are compliant with all the independent school standards checked during this inspection. As a result, the independent school standard checked in this part is met.

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. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

School details

Unique reference number	134142
DfE registration number	210/6393
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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	Day nursery and preparatory school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	2 to 7
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	193
Number of part-time pupils	136
Proprietor	The Villa School and Nursery Ltd
Chair	Ivan Stoyanov
Headteacher	Emma Champion
Annual fees (day pupils)	£10,500
Telephone number	020 7703 6216
Website	thevillaschoolandnursery.co.uk
Email address	school@thevillaschoolandnursery.com
Date of previous standard inspection	5–7 June 2018

Information about this school

- The school's most recent inspection was a full standard inspection in June 2018, when it was judged to be a good school and to comply with all the independent school standards.
- The school's registered capacity is 175 pupils. Though the number on roll exceeds this, many pupils attend part time. Leaders ensure that no more than 175 pupils attend each day.
- A new disabled toilet facility was under construction at the time of the inspection. It should be completed by the end of the February half-term break.

Information about this inspection

- This emergency 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.
- The inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education in response to information which raised concerns about a very few aspects of the school's work.
- The inspection was conducted without notice.
- The inspector was asked to report against some of the regulations contained within Parts 3, 5 and 8 of the independent school standards.
- The inspector undertook a range of inspection activities, including touring the premises and visiting all classrooms.
- The inspector reviewed key documents and policies, including those related to safeguarding, health and safety and risk assessment.
- The inspector met and spoke with various staff members, including the proprietor, nursery manager, acting headteacher and human resources officer.
- The inspection considered the 63 recent responses to Ofsted's online survey (Parent View).

Inspection team

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