

Wirral Wrap

Summerhill House, Beechwood Drive, Beechwood, Birkenhead, Merseyside CH43 9LB

Inspection date

4 February 2025

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) and 32(1)(c)

- The proprietor has ensured that there is a suitable safeguarding policy in place and that this is published on the school's website. This policy has due regard to current statutory guidance.
- There are robust procedures in place for staff to report any concerns that they might have about a pupil's welfare. The school communicates effectively with other professionals to ensure that pupils are safe and well when they are not in school.
- Staff receive regular safeguarding training. This helps staff to recognise when pupils may be at risk from harm. The proprietor has appointed new staff since the inspection in July 2024. These staff understand and carry out the required checks on the suitability of staff whenever they are appointed.
- The independent school standards ('the standards') in paragraph 7 and the requirement in paragraph 32(1)(c) continue to be met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- At the time of the previous independent standard inspection in July 2024, the proprietor did not have sufficient oversight of the quality of the school's provision. This was because several aspects of Part 4 and Part 5 of the standards had to be rectified during the inspection. At this time, there were no arrangements in place for the proprietor to check on whether the standards were being consistently met.
- Inspectors also found that the strategies to improve the quality of education were not implemented effectively. The inspection report noted that the school had not defined well enough the most important knowledge that pupils should learn. It also noted that assessment strategies did not give staff an understanding of how well pupils were

learning. In addition, some staff did not apply the school's behaviour policy consistently well.

- When the school's action plan was evaluated in November 2024, it was judged that the school's plans to improve leadership and management would not fully address the unmet standards.
- The proprietor has been conscientious in gaining a more thorough knowledge and understanding of the standards. A comprehensive system has been put in place to regularly monitor the school's compliance with the standards. This has enabled the proprietor to have the necessary information to ensure that standards are consistently met.
- The monitoring system set up also extends to regular checks on the aspects identified as areas of improvement at the time of July 2024 inspection, as well as aspects of ongoing school improvement in general.
- School leaders now regularly report to the proprietor on the development of the quality of education, namely, the curriculum, assessment and teaching and learning. As a result, for example, the proprietor is clear about which curriculum subjects are being focused on, what actions have been taken to improve the quality and depth of knowledge being taught, and how this is improving the confidence of teachers to deliver these subjects. The proprietor is confident that as these systems are fully embedded, it will be clear to see the positive impact these changes will have on pupils learning.
- Improvements in the proprietor's accountability can also be seen through their strengthened oversight of aspects such as behaviour. The improvements in consistent behaviour management are reported back to the proprietor, along with the reductions in the number of behaviour incidents since September 2024.
- The standards checked in this part are 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. 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

Part 8. Quality of leadership and management of schools

- 34(1) The standard about the quality of leadership and management is met if the proprietor ensures that persons with leadership and management responsibilities at the school-
 - 34(1)(a) demonstrate good skills and knowledge appropriate to their role so that the independent school standards are met consistently;
 - 34(1)(b) fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the independent school standards are met consistently.

School details

Unique reference number	149638
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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	Independent special school
School status	Independent day school
Age range of pupils	11 to 16
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	24
Proprietor	Wrap (Wirral) Community Interest Company Limited
Chair	Peter Thomas Silcock
Headteacher	Hayley Cunningham
Annual fees (day pupils)	£42,900 to £76,625
Telephone number	01512 720 813
Website	www.wirralwrap.org
Email address	hayley@wirralwrap.org
Date of previous standard inspection	10 to 12 July 2024

Information about this school

- The school's premises are at Summerhill House, Beechwood Drive, Beechwood, Birkenhead, Merseyside CH43 9LB. However, access to the school is on Firth Avenue.
- The school is registered to admit up to 32 pupils aged from 11 to 16. At the time of the inspection, there were 24 pupils on the school roll.
- Pupils join the school throughout the year. Many have been permanently excluded from other schools. Places at the school are commissioned by local authorities.
- All pupils have an education, health, and care (EHC) plan. The school caters for pupils with social, emotional, and mental health needs. In addition, some pupils also have autism.

- The school does not make use of alternative provision.
- The proprietor is Wrap Wirral Community Interest Company (CIC) Limited. As well as the chair of the proprietor body, there are two other directors.
- The school's previous standard inspection took place from 10 to 12 July 2024.

Information about this inspection

- This 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 was the first progress monitoring inspection since the standard inspection in July 2024. It was conducted without notice.
- Following the standard inspection, the Department for Education (DfE) required the school to prepare an action plan. This plan was statutory. Ofsted evaluated the plan on 1 November 2024. The DfE rejected this action plan.
- The inspector met with all three members of the proprietor body, including the chair. She also met with the deputy headteacher and a designated safeguarding lead.
- The inspector spoke with leaders about leadership and management, the school's curriculum, assessment, and behaviour management. She also looked at a range of related documents.
- The inspection also considered the school's safeguarding arrangements, including the single central record of pre-employment checks and whether the school's safeguarding policy is available to parents and carers. These requirements of the independent school standards are met.

Inspection team

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