

Progress monitoring inspection report

11 February 2025

St Catherine's School

Cross Deep
Twickenham
Middlesex
TW1 4QJ

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 7(a) and 7(b), 15

1. The school has an appropriate policy for safeguarding, which includes suitable arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school. The policy is effectively implemented.
2. Leaders prioritise safeguarding and ensure that staff have effective and frequent training to fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities. The designated safeguarding leader (DSL) completes appropriate training, which is in line with statutory advice and reflects local requirements.
3. Leaders have established an effective culture of safeguarding. Staff understand what to do if they have concerns about pupils or about the behaviour of adults. The DSL responds swiftly to any potential safeguarding concerns and takes the required action. The DSL keeps detailed and thorough records, which are stored securely.
4. Leaders work effectively with external agencies, when necessary, to protect pupils who may be at risk of harm. Leaders work closely with parents to help ensure that pupils access the support they need.
5. Pupils are supported well in learning how to keep themselves safe, including online. Monitoring and filtering of the school's technology is effective.
6. Governors maintain effective oversight of safeguarding. They meet regularly with the DSL, the safeguarding team and the headteacher to assure themselves that leaders are implementing the school's safeguarding procedures effectively.
7. The proprietor ensures that an admission and attendance register is maintained in accordance with statutory guidance. Leaders have appointed a new admissions manager who is suitably trained for this role.
8. The admissions manager and attendance officer follow the school policy and procedure effectively. They notify the local authority of any pupils who join the school at a non-standard transition times. They have established a systematic approach to managing these notifications.
9. The school meets the Standards.

Part 6. Provision of information

ISSR paragraph 32(1)(c)

10. The school meets the requirements for providing information relating to safeguarding to parents by publishing the safeguarding policy on the school's website.
11. 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)

12. Senior leaders and governors receive appropriate training to ensure that they have the skills and knowledge so that the school meets the Standards consistently. Governors carry out an annual cycle of review which supports their effective oversight and enables governors to hold leaders to account for their work.
13. The proprietor has ensured that all staff and governors have received specific training regarding admissions and attendance. Leaders know when to contact the local authority in relation to pupils' admissions and attendance.
14. The school meets the Standards.

School details

School	St Catherine's School
Department for Education number	318/6008
Registered charity number	1014651
Address	Cross Deep Twickenham Middlesex TW1 4QJ
Phone number	020 8891 2898
Email address	info@stcatherineschool.co.uk
Website	stcatherineschool.co.uk
Proprietor	St Catherine's School Trust
Chair	Ms Sylvia Hamilton
Headteacher	Mrs Johneen McPherson
Age range	7 to 18
Number of pupils	385
Date of previous inspection	28 to 30 November 2023

Information about the school

16. St Catherine's School is a single-sex day school for female pupils located in Twickenham, Middlesex. It consists of a senior school, which includes a sixth form, and a preparatory school located on the same site. The school is a charitable trust overseen by a board of governors. The school has identified 63 pupils as having special educational needs and/or disabilities. A very small proportion of pupils have an education, health and care plan. The school has identified 16 pupils for whom English is an additional language.
17. The school aims to create a strong Catholic Christian community which welcomes pupils of all faiths or none. It encourages pupils to be compassionate, courageous, ambitious and outward-looking.

Purpose of the progress monitoring

The inspector carried out 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 carried out 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 any other requirements that the school was judged not to comply with at its previous inspection.

Inspection details

Inspection date	11 February 2025
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18. One reporting inspector 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
- discussions with a member of the governing body
- discussions with the headteacher, school leaders and managers of admissions and attendance
- discussions with the DSL and scrutiny of safeguarding logs
- discussions with pupils and staff.

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