

Progress monitoring inspection report

27 February 2026

Edenhurst Preparatory School

Westlands Avenue

Newcastle-under-Lyme

ST5 2PU

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), 7(b) and 13

1. Safeguarding arrangements are effective and reflect the requirements of current statutory guidance. Leaders and members of the proprietorial body maintain careful oversight of these arrangements. Members of the proprietorial body understand and carry out their safeguarding responsibilities and are appropriately trained. They meet regularly with the safeguarding team and receive reports from them to ensure that safeguarding procedures at the school are suitable and secure.
2. Leaders with designated safeguarding responsibilities respond promptly and appropriately to any safeguarding concerns that arise. They consult constructively with external safeguarding partners, such as local children's services, and refer safeguarding concerns to them when required. Suitable arrangements for the handling of allegations, including low-level concerns against staff or senior leaders, are in place. These arrangements are well understood by staff and followed appropriately if required. Leaders keep suitable records of safeguarding concerns, along with the decisions and actions taken in response.
3. Safeguarding training for staff and the safeguarding team is thorough, regular and in line with current statutory and local requirements. A suitable induction process is in place to ensure that new staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities. Leaders train staff effectively in contextual safeguarding risks facing pupils beyond the school, including those relating to radicalisation and extremism. Staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities and report concerns in a timely and appropriate way.
4. Leaders provide a number of ways for pupils to raise any concerns they may have. Pupils readily name trusted adults they can go to if they wish to share concerns.
5. Suitable internet filtering and monitoring procedures are in place. These systems are tested regularly. Any alerts are reviewed immediately by members of the safeguarding team, who take prompt action as required.
6. An appropriate number of staff are trained to administer first aid. All staff in the early years are trained in paediatric first aid. Records are kept of pupils who are injured or become unwell whilst at school. All medicines are stored securely. Classrooms in the prep section of the school now have a secure cabinet, which contains boxes allocated to each pupil for whom the school keeps medication, along with specific care plans detailing how medicines should be administered. Leaders consult with parents about these care plans and ensure that the information provided is clearly understood by staff. As a result, medicines are administered in a careful and timely manner.
7. The school meets the Standards.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

ISSR paragraphs 25, 28(1)(b) and 28(1)(d)

8. The school site is maintained to a standard that is consistent with health and safety requirements. Leaders and staff carry out monthly and termly checks to ensure that health and safety procedures continue to be managed competently.
9. Since the previous inspection, leaders have ensured that all toilets, kitchens and washing facilities have access to hot water. The hot water is regulated so that it does not pose a scalding risk to pupils. School staff and an external specialist company carry out monthly checks to ensure that hot water is provided at an appropriate temperature.
10. The school meets the Standards.

Part 6. Provision of information

ISSR paragraph 32(1)(c)

11. Leaders publish a suitable safeguarding policy on the school's website that reflects the local context and current statutory guidance.
12. The school meets the Standards.

Part 8. Quality of leadership and management of schools

ISSR paragraph 34

13. The school has successfully implemented its action plan to address the standards that were not met at the previous inspection. Leaders have trained staff in the new protocols for the storage of medicines to ensure that these are clearly understood. Leaders carry out regular and systematic checks to ensure that the new safety procedures relating to the storage of medicines, to the supply of hot water and to maintenance are consistently implemented. Members of the proprietorial body provide rigorous and detailed oversight to ensure that the Standards are met.
14. The proprietor provides leaders with appropriate oversight and challenge and ensures that they have the skills and knowledge required to fulfil their responsibilities. Leaders, staff and the proprietor actively promote the wellbeing of pupils.
15. The school meets the Standards.

School details

School	Edenhurst Preparatory School
Department for Education number	860/6018
Registered early years number	EY312370
Address	Edenhurst Preparatory School Westlands Avenue Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire ST5 2PU
Phone number	01782 619348
Email address	office@edenhurst.co.uk
Website	www.edenhurst.co.uk
Proprietor	Bellevue Education International Limited
Chair	Mr Mark Malley
Headteacher	Mrs Emma Mousley
Age range	3 months to 11 years
Number of pupils	110
Number of children in the early years registered setting	60
Date of previous inspection	23 to 25 September 2025

Information about the school

16. Edenhurst Preparatory School is an independent co-educational day school situated in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire. It consists of three sections: the Nursery, for children aged from three months to four years; the pre-prep, for children in Reception and pupils in Years 1 and 2; and the prep, for pupils in Years 3 to 6. Founded in 1961, the school has been owned and governed by Bellevue Education International Limited since 2011.
17. There are six children in the early years, comprising one Reception class. There is also a separate early years setting, registered with Ofsted, which provides for children under four years of age.
18. The school has identified 11 pupils as having special educational needs and/or disabilities. No pupils in the school have an education, health and care plan.
19. The school has identified a very small proportion of pupils for whom English is an additional language.
20. The school states that its aims are to inspire and support pupils throughout their learning journey. It seeks to build solid foundations for future success so that pupils become equipped with the necessary skills and attributes to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Purpose of the progress monitoring inspection

Inspectors 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 Department for Education. 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 dates

27 February 2026

21. One reporting inspector visited the school for one day.

22. Inspection activities included

- scrutiny of a range of policies, documentation and records provided by the school and information available on the school's website
- tour of the school site to check the provision of hot water and the storage of medicines
- discussions with a member of the proprietorial body
- discussions with the headteacher, school leaders, managers and other members of staff
- discussions with pupils.

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