

# Advice note for pre-registration inspections of all types of academies and free schools/studio schools/university technical colleges (UTC)

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## Context of the school

The Bilingual Primary School for Brighton and Hove plans to open as a mixed, non-denominational school for pupils aged 4 to 11 years old. In the first year, the intention is to offer 80 places in Reception and 40 places for Year 1 rising to 420 places when fully open. The school will follow the English National Curriculum which will be taught in English and Spanish. It will offer all pupils a bilingual education, regardless of their existing language skills. The Principal, three full-time teachers and one part-time teacher have already been appointed to start in September.

The school will be housed temporarily in the Brighton Aldridge Community Academy until a suitable venue can be found, which not only allows the school to grow, but can also house adult learning facilities, a cultural centre and host activities that involve the wider community. The present accommodation is entirely suitable. It will be modified to include its own separate entrance and security arrangements, while benefiting from many of the services which the host school offers.

The school aims 'to be the leading bilingual primary school in the UK, offering the very best of British education through a comprehensive programme of learning through English and Spanish'. The curriculum is designed to provide children with a deep understanding of the world around them and to stimulate their abilities, capacities and desire to learn. Partnerships with parents and carers will be a priority, along with links to local, national and international communities which have already been established.

## Compliance with the regulations

### Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils

The requirements for this standard are likely to be met, subject to the implementation of the planned curriculum. The spiritual, moral, social and cultural education programme is supported by the well-considered curriculum which covers world religions, global citizenship and life skills. In particular, the cultural dimension will be enhanced through pupils' engagement with two cultures and opportunities to develop confidence about their place in their community and in the world. The school's intended ethos is based on high standards of behaviour and a climate of respect and responsibility.

The curriculum will ensure that pupils develop a respect for cultures other than their own, and that they gain an appropriate knowledge of institutions and services in England. Plans are well advanced to ensure that pupils are provided with a variety of experiences beyond the classroom, including visits to the Royal Pavilion, Preston Manor, Stanmer House and Ditchling Beacon.

## **Welfare, health and safety of pupils**

All policies relating to welfare, health, safety and safeguarding are written and are compliant with current requirements, subject to implementation. The Principal will receive training to be the school's designated child protection officer and all staff will be trained in child protection and safeguarding procedures prior to the school opening in September. The school operates a safe recruitment policy and the policy has been rigorously applied to the appointment of all staff.

The school has policies on health and safety, first aid and safeguarding, which fully meet requirements, as well as a suitable policy to prevent bullying. This confirms the school's commitment to provide a high standard of education within a caring and welcoming environment where every child is encouraged to succeed.

Attendance and admission registers are ready for use. All fire safety requirements are met by the policies and planning. No students requiring special access arrangements are expected in September, although the premises are suitably adapted to meet the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

## **Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors**

Detailed checks (including enhanced Criminal Records Bureau checks and checks against DfE list 99) are being carried out on all potential employees, with references subsequently taken up and verified, and employment checks undertaken on their right to work in the United Kingdom. A single central record has been created covering all of the required checks for all staff including founding members and directors of the school. The school does not intend to make use of supply staff in its first year but, should the need arise, appropriate protocols are in place to meet requirements and regulations. All requirements are likely to be met.

## **Premises of and accommodation at the school**

The school will be housed temporarily in the Brighton Aldridge Community Academy which has recently moved into new accommodation and has spare capacity whilst numbers increase.

The premises are entirely suitable and will be self-contained, whilst allowing access to the academy's facilities including medical facilities and the school canteen. Careful consideration has been given to the planned installation of washrooms and the building already has full access for those with disabilities. There is ample space outside and furniture, fixtures and fittings have been tendered in readiness for an order to be placed. These are likely to meet requirements. The building is likely to meet the requirements for heating, lighting, ventilation, decoration and floor coverings.

## Provision of information

The provision is likely to meet all the regulations, with necessary information shared through meetings with parents and carers as well as being available on the school website and the school's Facebook page. All policies are written and available to parents and carers upon request. The school also intends placing these on the website before the school's planned opening. Regular reports to parents and carers on their children's progress and attainment are scheduled.

## Manner in which complaints are to be handled

The provision is likely to meet all the regulations once the complaints procedure, which is already written, has been published to parents. This is planned to occur before the school opens in September so that all requirements are met.

## Recommendation to the Department for Education

### Registration

Is registration recommended?

- **YES. This school is likely to meet all regulations when it opens and is recommended for registration.**

Recommended number of day pupils: 420  
Recommended age range: 4–11  
Recommended gender of pupils: Mixed.