The Wisdom Academy

Sycamore Road, Aston, Birmingham, West Midlands B6 5UH

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Progress monitoring inspection report:	8 October 2026

Overall outcome	The school meets all of the independent school standards that were checked during this inspection

At its most recent inspection, the school was judged to not meet all of the independent school standards (ISS) and associated requirements.

The purpose of this inspection was to monitor the progress the school has made in meeting the ISS and other requirements that it was judged to not comply with at its previous inspection.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

When we carry out progress monitoring inspections of independent schools, we report on the school's likely compliance with part 8 of the ISS first. Under part 8, the proprietor is required to ensure that the school consistently meets all ISS requirements. The standard in part 8 is intended to ensure that the quality of leadership and management at the school is sufficient for that purpose.

At the school's last standard inspection in September 2025, it did not meet all the ISS relating to part 1, the quality of education provided, or part 8, the quality of leadership in and management of schools. During the progress monitoring inspection in March 2026, inspectors found that the standards for part 1 were met. However, the leaders and the proprietor had not demonstrated that these standards had been consistently met over time.

Leaders and the proprietor can now demonstrate that the standards set out in part 1 are consistently met. Leaders have established effective systems to monitor the quality of education and use the findings from their monitoring activities to inform school improvement. Through lesson visits, reviews of pupils' work and discussions with staff and

pupils, leaders identify priorities for further development and take appropriate action to address them.

Leaders provide regular support and guidance for staff. Regular professional development and oversight help ensure that staff understand and consistently implement the school's expectations. Leaders routinely review the impact of this work and adapt their approach where necessary.

The proprietor maintains effective oversight of the school's work. He has an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and priorities and uses information gathered through monitoring activities to ensure that the ISS continue to be met.

Leaders and the proprietor can demonstrate that the ISS in part 1 and part 8 have been consistently met over time. The proprietor has ensured that the requirements in this part are met.

About this inspection

The inspector carried out this inspection under sections 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. The inspector checked the school's compliance with the independent school standards. These are the requirements set out in the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014.

The inspection evaluated whether the school continues to meet the ISS identified at the previous monitoring inspection and whether leaders and the proprietor can demonstrate that these standards have been met consistently over time.

Inspectors 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 ISS are met.

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This inspection was conducted without notice. This was the school's second progress monitoring inspection.

The school's last standard inspection took place from 23 to 25 September 2025. A progress monitoring inspection took place in March 2026. The Department for Education required the school to produce an action plan following the first monitoring inspection in March 2026. Ofsted evaluated the school's action plan on 4 August 2026 and found it acceptable.

The inspector spoke with the headteacher, the deputy headteacher, the designated safeguarding leads, teachers, pupils and the proprietor. The inspector visited lessons, reviewed pupils' work, scrutinised safeguarding records, reviewed the single central record and considered a range of documentation relating to leadership, monitoring and school improvement.

The inspector confirmed the following information about the school:

There have been 3 changes to the teaching staff group since the previous monitoring inspection.

The school does not currently use any form of registered or unregistered alternative provision.

Lead inspector

Chris Pollitt	His Majesty's Inspector

About this school

Proprietor body	United Children's Foundation
Chair of the proprietor body	Dr Saeed Al-Ghadie
Headteacher	Naseem Khan
Type of school	Independent school
Capacity	180
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age on roll	86
Age range of pupils	4 to 11
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Annual fees for day pupils	£3,480
Email address	admin@thewisdomacademy.co.uk
Telephone	0121 7143094
Website	www.thewisdomacademy.co.uk

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