ACADEMY SEF SUMMARY



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General Contextual Information for Alderwood Academy

Alderwood Academy is a short stay PRU setting, catering for Key Stage 2 and 3 pupils and providing a two to three term full time education for children and young people aged between 7 and 14 years old. Many of the pupils have received a number of fixed term exclusions or have been permanently excluded from at least one school. The aim is to identify and provide appropriate support for pupils to enable them to successfully return to either mainstream education or other suitable education provision.

The Provision:

- Short term provision, preparing pupils to reintegrate in to mainstream or other suitable education provision.
- o Full time curriculum offer, pupils attend on a full time basis. Bespoke curriculum offer with personalised TT
- To support pupils in removing barriers to learning and further develop the concept of learning through provision of learning opportunities outside the classroom as well as in the classroom

		Last revision date: December 2018	Author : Headteacher, Mark Winston
Inadequate	Requires Improvement	Good	Outstanding
academic improvem imp	year. From September 2018, a new substantive Head eent, in November 2018 the Trust brought in addition eent through the completion of a Rapid Improvement eent: new curriculum; developed through a consultant wh delivery of staff training in key areas; including curri Since the beginning of February 2019, additional lead Headteacher working alongside the substantive Head The Academy Trust Board have designated specific m scrutinising progress of the Rapid Improvement Plan I has a plan for immediate improvement through the rovement Strategy 2018-19. Clear action points have formed senior leadership team is focused on driving Full compliance with all statutory requirements Ensuring Alderwood achieves its primary focus; return Implement a bespoke curriculum model that fully me o a well-planned pupil transition into the set o personalised curriculum offer, enriched tim o Consistent systems of monitoring and robu o staff training in positive behaviour manage <i>- Rapid Development Plan, Academy Improvement Plat</i> th and well-being is a key strand of Alderwood's app seated at tables with a clear seating plan followed. F is provided by staff to encourage healthy eating and and a safe environment. A pupil focused approach is arers. The social times of the school day are fully sup secure and pupil have access to buildings with staff ack on how the school can be improved. This feedba ling is an area of priority. The named DSL and DDSL's per is the named DSL. Decisions are made and inform	e Rapid Improvement Plan and Academy Improveme e been prioritised for immediate/timely implementate g continued improvement across the setting, as state rn students back to mainstream eets the needs of the pupils developing learning, the tting with an agreed exit plan netable and individual support ust performance management. ement, curriculum planning and assessment for learn lan, SEF, pupil timetables, curriculum model, Trust Bo proach. Breakfast is offered and provided to those w Fresh fruit is provided to all pupils during the morning I appropriate table manners and conversation. a priority for all staff. Staff are encouraged to build s	y. With identification for the need for rapid schoon nal support in identifying key areas for very of a a number of strategies to initiate rapid staff nent and scrutiny and monitoring of progress. place with the introduction of a consultant nentation of the Rapid Improvement Plan. th the aim of monitoring, supporting and nt plan supported by the implementation of the ion. d in the RIP with the intention of : curriculum, assessment and behaviour change: hing ard Monitoring Group evidence/minutes. ho want it for all pupils upon arrival to the scho g and hot lunch, prepared on site. Positive role trong positive relationships with pupils as well a pupil representatives from each class to discus nd LGB meeting agendas. mprovements in this area. The consultant encies. All staff are appropriately trained and

	 full compliance with statutory requirements in the safeguarding assessments, minutes from weekly Safeguarding and SLT meetin Regular communication with parent/carers through telephone of Communications log and outcomes agreed and monitored throut with parents and recording the outcome of these reviews. Areas for development Full implementation of the Rapid Improvement Plan. Ensure staff are clear on the focus and purpose of the second sec	curriculum to engage pupils and develop skills for learning.).
Durana with	 To develop a "timelined" exit plan and strategy To utilise existing building space and resources to prov To further improve the culture of the school through c To provide staff training in positive behaviour manages To incorporate more effectively, the role of the Local G To fully incorporate the Trust Improvement Strategy, F To ensure there is rigour in the safeguarding recording 	ncidents and behaviour, assessments, using School Pod. vide greater flexibility of usable space for teaching and learning. consistent and effective leadership and sense of shared responsibility ement Governing Body and their impact upon developing improvements to school practice Policies and Procedures.	
Progress with Previous Inspection Key Issues:	 Key Issues: OFSTED 2016 - Leaders and those responsible for governance should ensure that: They continue to support leaders and staff who are new to their positions, to establish positive relationships with pupils quickly and sustain the good provision at Alderwood. They continue to refine the administration around safeguarding so that it always reflect the good practice in the school. The array of pupil progress is centralized so that leaders, especially those that are new to their position, can use this to fully evaluate the difference they are making. They continue to work with the local authority on ensuring that the next step specialist provision is found promptly for the few pupils whose special educational needs determines that mainstream education is not appropriate. 	 Shortfalls in leadership since last inspection has resulted in standards falling below minimum standards. As a result, in November 2018 the Trust brought an external supp team to drive critical rapid improvement. The Trust has also recruited a consultant He Teacher to work alongside the substantive Head Teacher's remit of rapid improvemen full implementation of the Rapid Improvement Plan. Realignment of the leadership roles across the Academy Trust has provided greater transparency for information to be shared between staff, through the formation of wo groups; Head Teachers Executive Group (HEG), Pedagogy, Safeguarding, Vocational, Priorities and Finance and Human Resources - Raedwald Trust Accountability and Improvement Framework Improvement Strategy 2018-19. All staff new to the setting receive a full induction comprising of safeguarding, health a safety, systems and procedures and pupil information. Daily, morning and afternoon staff briefings/meetings are in place. Minutes of meetings. 	ead It and Orking

	 4. The named DSL and DDSL's have altered to reflect crucial need for immediate improvements in this area. The role of Family Liaison Worker no longer exists and crucial areas of safeguarding responsibilities related to the role, have become the responsibility of the senior leadership team and designated qualified staff. The DSL or named DDSL attend the across Trust Safeguarding working group, focusing on sharing excellent safeguarding practice that are compliant with statutory requirements – <i>Safeguarding Group minutes</i>. Appropriate Safeguarding training provided to staff – <i>SCR</i>. 5. There is close collaboration with all professionals and LA commissioners to ensure that appropriate provision is identified to meet the individual needs of all pupils. The Pedagogical Lead co-ordinates the referral and transition process for pupils arriving and leaving Alderwood.
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Sub Criterion	HEG Judgment	Grade	Brief Summary of major strengths and areas for development	
Effectiveness of Leadership and Management	Judgment		Deficiencies in leadership since last inspection resulted in standards falling below minimum standards. In November 2018 the Trust brought an external support team to drive critical rapid improvement, contributing to the completion of a Rapid Improvement Plan, providing specialist training for staff and close scrutiny and monitoring of school progress of implementation and achievement in meeting all outcomes of the Rapid Improvement Plan. The Trust has also recruited a consultant Head Teacher to work alongside the substantive Head Teacher with the remit of rapid improvement and full implementation of the Rapid Improvement Plan. The Academy Trust Board have designated specific members to form a Trust Board Monitoring Group with the aim of monitoring, supporting and scrutinising progress of the Rapid Improvement Plan. The leadership team at the school have a clear understanding on improvements to be made across the setting to ensure minimum standards are achieved and maintained. Closer monitoring of pupil progress and quality of teaching is being undertaken at Alderwood Academy to ensure the pupils learning experience is the best on offer. Further development of the curriculum is helping to ensure that flexibility of offer is matched to individual pupils' specific need and requirements. The immediate aim is to implement a curriculum model that fully meets the needs of the pupils and meets all statutory requirements, with regular review of pupil need. Staff will receive relevant training on assessment planning and assessment for learning, with consistency of curriculum planning support for teaching staff.	
			 Areas for immediate development and implementation; Fully implement all actions of the Rapid Improvement Plan Develop a culture of aspiration amongst staff. Implement a curriculum model that fully meets the needs of the pupils and meets all statutory requirements. Introduce a new curriculum that caters for the needs of all pupils. Draft and implement a curriculum policy. Review pupil need and implement personalised learning programme including off site provision. Plan a cycle of review for the curriculum Ensure that the assessment policy is aligned with the national framework 	

1	Ensure staff receive appropriate training and coaching on key areas of their role.
	 Ensure that the assessment offer is aligned with the curriculum
	Ensure staff are trained on assessment for learning and statutory assessment
	Ensure senior leaders at Alderwood receive appropriate CPD.
	Implement a policy of professional growth and use the CPD outline to ensure all staff take responsibility for self study supported by the
	school.
	 Centralise curriculum standards and expectations through HEG and RT Pedagogical and RT External Provision.
	Standardise processes for pupil level monitoring of learning.
	 To engender a strong and effective school culture that is based upon shared responsibility and staff empowerment.
	 Robust and consistent system of performance management procedures
	 Monitoring consistency of performance and feedback
	Provision of effective resources, including IT to meet curriculum needs
	Clear lines of communication
	Implementation of the Trust Induction policy.
	Evidence – Rapid Improvement Plan, Academy Improvement Plan, Staff appraisals, LGB minutes, Work scrutiny outcomes, Induction policy, SCR,
	Trust Accountability and Improvement Framework 2018-19.
Safeguarding	Safeguarding is a priority. The named DSL and DDSL's have altered to reflect crucial need for immediate improvements in this area. The consultant
Sujeguaranig	Head Teacher is the named DSL. Responsive decisions are made and information is shared with relevant safeguarding professionals and agencies.
	All staff are appropriately trained and comply with safeguarding practice within the setting and across the Trust. All staff have received individual
	copies of the Trust Safeguarding policy and Keeping Children Safe in Education (Sept 2018) and full information on the updates to the document
	from the previous academic year. Safeguarding posters identifying key safeguarding personnel within the setting are displayed throughout the
	building including in the reception area. The substantive and consultant Head Teachers are working collaboratively and are responsible for ensuring
	there is rigour and full compliance with statutory requirements in the safeguarding paperwork, procedures and processes throughout the setting.
	All external providers used are subject to strict Raedwald Trust quality assurance processes which governs their use. Relevant posters are displayed
	in prominent positions throughout the setting, displaying key safeguarding personnel and contact details. Safeguarding concerns and, where
	appropriate, resulting outcomes are regularly discussed with staff during daily briefings and meetings. The Single Central Record is updated and
	maintained. This is reviewed by Trust Business Managers and substantive Head Teacher.
	Evidence – Rapid Improvement Plan, Minutes of morning/afternoon briefing, Single Central Record, Minutes from Trust Safeguarding Group, review
	documents, Head Teacher reports, attendance data, Academy Improvement Plan.
	Areas for Development
	 Establish a strong culture and value of safeguarding throughout the setting.
	 Establish and maintain full safeguarding compliance.
	 Establish a clear behavior policy and best practice of behavior management.
	 Close and thorough monitoring of the use of restraint and restraint recording.
	 All staff to demonstrate appropriate methods in supporting pupils at times of heightened behavior.
	 All staff to have a full understanding of the specific needs of every child.
	 Centralise support, challenge and supervision in relation to this area.
	 Establish strong "fierce friends" to examine our policies and practices.
	 Develop a more rigorous process of recording, reviewing and checking safeguarding files by the DSL.
	Ensure that staff are suitably trained and equipped to effectively support pupils displaying challenging behavior.
	Thrive approach to be utilised and implemented across the setting, to help support pupil's emotional and social development.

	 Increased collaboration across the Trust and predominantly through the Safeguarding working group, to share safeguarding practice allowing for mutual strengthening of procedures. System of peer review of safeguarding procedures to be developed further in line with Trust Safeguarding group outcomes.
Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment	The RIP states as an immediate priority the introduction of a new curriculum and greater focus on providing a more bespoke curriculum will, in part, ensure that flexibility of offer can be matched to individual pupils' specific requirements. Further adjustments to personalize the programme further can then be implemented in a structured and timely manner, with appropriate interventions identified. The substantive and consultant Head Teachers are working Collaboratively to support staff and monitor progress and completion of all identified actions in this area. Baseline assessments are completed for pupils upon entry to the setting using; KS2 – Boxall (Pupil Social, Emotional and Behavioural Development), Sandwell (Numeracy assessment), YARC (Reading and Comprehension), Lexia (Literacy). KS3 – Lucid, Step up for English, Boxall, Lexia and YARC. This now needs to be used appropriately where all assessments are completed the results can then be part of the framework for teaching and learning. Pupil voice has informed senior leaders that the whole school reward system was not effective for them. A more effective model has been introduced as part of the new project based curriculum offer. Evidence – Baseline assessment and progress data, student council minutes, timetable(s), external review reports, Academy Improvement Plan, Rapid Improvement Plan. Areas for Development • Fully embed the new curriculum and access to more personalized learning opportunities • Implement a curriculum policy. • Plan a cycle of review for the curriculum
Personal Development Behaviour and Welfare and attendance	 ensure that pupil progress and achievement is closely monitored and cross monitored to inform and support student progress There is an environment in which pupils feel confident to express their views and have confidence that they are listened to and any concerns are acted upon swiftly. Regular opportunities such as Forest Schools, Climbing, Free running, Gardening, Team sports, Horse Riding and Swimming are provided for pupils that allow for personal and social development and enjoyment. Pupil attendance is monitored closely and Education Welfare Officer (EWO) involvement supports the school's priority in raising attendance. Pupil behaviour is an immediate priority. The introduction of staff behaviour management training by Everyday Leaders is vital in ensuring that staff are equipped to deal supportively and effectively with incidents of heightened/challenging behavour, with the interests of the child's need paramount. A series of training events have been scheduled to support staff in this crucial area. Pupil files and individual risk assessments are a significant priority with immediate action required in ensuring that they are fully compliant, up to date and regularly reviewed.

Outcomes for pupils -	 A strategy of Monitoring and recording of SMSC requires implementation Pupils' progress and achievement is monitored by the substantive and consultant Head Teachers and members of the senior leadership team. Assessment for learning and statutory assessment training has been provided to teaching staff and pupil progress is monitored through the outcomes from a new project based curriculum offer. A criterion based assessment is yet to be developed to support the bespoke programme. A priority action is to ensure that the assessment policy is aligned with the national framework and that staff act upon training received. An immediate action is to ensure that introduced curriculum assessment procedures are utilised fully in monitoring and recording pupil progress. Teaching staff are to be responsible for communicating with off site providers and monitoring the impact and value added for those pupils engaged in off site learning activities. <i>Evidence – pupil progress and achievement tracking records, pupil assessment graphs/ results, attendance data, EWO review meeting minutes, Academy Improvement Plan, Rapid Improvement Plan.</i>
	 Pupil profiles/pen pictures are being implemented to support staff in identifying and understanding more carefully, specific needs of every pupil. The aim is for this to assist in the use of most appropriate strategies when communicating with pupils to help ensure that the child's needs are catered for and the best support and approaches are tailored to their individual needs resulting in the best possible outcomes. The substantive and consultant Head Teachers are working collaboratively to support staff and monitor progress and completion of all identified actions. Regular communication with parent/carers through telephone calls and face to face meetings is a positive part of the school. Positive role modelling is a key priority at Alderwood and all pupils are encouraged by staff to demonstrate respect and tolerance of others, politeness, empathy and kindness. Evidence for this can be found in minutes of staff meetings, communication log, behaviour/incident recording forms and pupil council minutes. Staff/pupil shared breakfast and lunch allow for further positive role modelling from staff, with emphasis especially on developing pupils' skills in a social environment, learning table manners, respect for others and healthy eating. Pupil voice is captured through the organisation of school council and all outcomes are recorded. Opportunities for pupils to discuss and understand topical issues and news related subjects are provided through the curriculum that include all elements of spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) and promote British Values through a range of three weekly projects. Evidence – School displays, Behaviour logs/reports, communications log, lesson observation reports, trips and visits, visiting guest speakers, Academy improvement Plan, Rapid Improvement Plan. Areas for development Deliver the Thrive approach across the setting to help support pupil's emotional and social development To
	All staff complete the appropriate Physical Intervention training, in both theory and practical. Monitoring of restraints and the use of appropriate methods is an urgent and immediate action for both the substantive and Consultant Head Teachers. A paper based Restraint log book is in place for recording restraints that have taken place, however a further significant priority is for the accurate completion, compliance and monitoring of the entries to be completed. All staff have undergone Behaviour Management training, delivered by Everyday Leaders consultancy and regular refresher training is in place

	 Other significant pupil achievements include the removal of barriers to learning that enable pupils to successfully reintegrate back into mainstream or other suitable educational provision. Identification and understanding of pupil need is instrumental in ensuring that outcomes for pupils are improved and in line with national targets. An immediate action is for staff to gain a more informed understanding of pupil need and strategies available to offer most appropriate support. The introduction of THRIVE and its core principles will assist in targeting specific individual support for pupils and ensure that staff are fully informed of concepts and strategies to encourage better pupil engagement with learning. All areas are being monitored by both substantive and consultant Head Teachers who are working collaboratively in ensuring that all outcomes are achieved. Pupils are encouraged to engage in a range of activities and positive reinforcement and role modelling by staff is a constant throughout all times of the school day. <i>Evidence - minutes of staff meetings, pupil voice, lesson observations, pupil profiles, Trust Improvement Strategy 2018-19, Academy Improvement Plan</i>, Rapid Improvement Plan. Areas for Development Strengthen and extend our relationships with external providers and other stakeholders. Consistently monitor the quality of off-site provision and value added. Improve communication between teaching staff and off site provision for individual pupils. Ensure that the assessment policy is aligned with the curriculum Teaching staff to have responsibility for communicating with off-site providers and monitoring the impact and value added in relation to the pupils individual needs. To more effectively use assessment data (academic, social and emotional) to impact on teaching & learning To implement progress data tracking and class learning logs through SchoolPod. Thrive approach to be utilised and
Early Years Provision	Recognised certification that both supports and motivates students needs investigating Not applicable
16 to 19 Programmes of Study	Not applicable