

**A report on**  
**OneSchool Global UK Newtown Campus**

**Sarn  
Newtown  
Powys  
SY16 4EW**

**Date of inspection: July 2025**

**by**

**Estyn, His Majesty's Inspectorate for Education  
and Training in Wales**

## About OneSchool Global UK Newtown Campus

Name of provider	OneSchool Global UK Newtown Campus
Proprietor status	OneSchool Global UK Newtown is part of the wider OneSchool Global group and operated by OneSchool Global UK, a private limited company and registered charity.
Language of the provider	English
Type of school	Independent all age
Residential provision?	No
Number of pupils on roll	46
Pupils of statutory school age	43
Date of previous Estyn visit	03/02/2025
Start date of visit	09/07/2025

## School context:

OneSchool Global Newtown is an independent day school for boys and girls aged 7 to 18 years. The school was established in 2004 and is situated in the village of Sarn in Powys.

The school was established by members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, for pupils and families of the church community. The school is strongly supported by volunteers from the church community.

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There are currently 46 pupils on roll. These include 21 pupils in the primary section and 25 pupils in the secondary section of the school, of whom three pupils are in the sixth form.

The school's last inspection was in February 2025, and the campus principal was appointed shortly after, in the same month. At the time of the inspection, the school did not meet the requirements for the Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2024. The Welsh Government asked the school to produce a post-inspection action plan to address the areas of non-compliance. To comply fully with these requirements, the school was required to address the issues identified below:

**Standard 4 - The suitability of proprietors and staff**

The proprietor should:

- Where relevant, obtain a DBS certificate before a person's appointment [20(3)]

An HMI conducted a desk-based activity in July 2025 to evaluate the school's compliance with the previously non-compliant Standards.

## **Main findings**

Since the core inspection in February 2025, leaders have taken effective action to address the identified areas of non-compliance.

With support from the wider OSG group, school leaders have significantly strengthened administrative processes around the appointment of staff. There are newly implemented, robust procedures which ensure pre-employment checks for newly appointed staff are completed in accordance with statutory requirements. Records relating to all staff appointed since the core inspection demonstrate these new approaches are embedded and effective. Further, for all new appointments since February 2025 appropriate DBS certification was obtained ahead of their appointment.

Oversight and quality assurance of the appointment process has also been significantly strengthened with the campus principal and deputy principal conducting frequent, regular spot-checks of all records.

The school's leaders, with support from the wider OSG group, have used training of staff highly effectively to raise awareness of safer recruitment practices. All staff involved in the appointment of new staff have received training in Safer Recruitment that develops best practice in areas such as administration and oversight of processes and record-keeping.

As a result of these actions, there is now no evidence that the school does not comply with the Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2024.

## **Compliance with the standards for registration**

Independent school inspections are governed by the Education Act 2002 and related regulations: the Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2024. These regulations require an independent school to meet an appropriate standard in the following areas:

### **The quality of education provided by the school**

This Standard was not considered on this visit.

### **The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils**

This Standard was not considered on this visit.

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

This Standard was not considered on this visit.

### **The suitability of proprietors and staff**

On the basis of this inspection, there is no evidence to indicate that the school does not meet the regulatory requirements for this standard.

### **Premises of and boarding accommodation at schools**

This Standard was not considered on this visit.

### **The provision of information**

This Standard was not considered on this visit.

### **The manner in which complaints are to be handled**

This Standard was not considered on this visit.

## **Recommendation regarding continued registration**

When considering this school's registration the Welsh Government may wish to have regard to the following recommendation:

On the basis of this visit, there is no evidence to indicate that the school does not meet the requirements of the Independent School Standards (Wales) Regulations 2024.

Inspectors' judgements on this limited inspection should not prejudice the findings of a future full Section 163 inspection.

## Copies of the report

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The report was produced in accordance with section 163 of the Education Act 2002. The main purpose of inspection under this section is to report on compliance with the Independent Schools Standards (Wales) Regulations 2024. In schools that provide non-maintained nursery education, this report also satisfies the requirements of Schedule 26 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

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