

The British School of Costa Daurada

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Tarragona

School's regional authorisation number: 43012745

Date of Inspection:
Sunday 18th June 2023

Inspection Team:
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Reason for the Inspection:

To evaluate the suitability of a new extension to the present building provided to accommodate pupils from Year 5 to Year 10.

Overall Recommendation:

The new school premises are recommended for authorisation from Year 5 to Year 10 for 200 pupils. This is in addition to the current authorisation which the school has for Pre-Nursery to Year 9.

The school has a total authorised capacity of 560 pupils.

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1. History and Context of the School:

The British School of Costa Daurada, formerly known as Jigsaw British School, was founded in May 2008 and moved to its current premises in January 2017.

The school is located in Tarragona in Catalunya and is privately owned. There are currently 343 pupils on roll, 80% of whom are Spanish. Other nationalities include Ukrainians, British and Chinese.

The school was last inspected in December 2022 and was authorised for Year 8 (12-13 years) to Year 9 (13-14 years). The purpose of this inspection is to evaluate the suitability of a new extension to the present building to provide accommodation for pupils from Year 5 to Year 10.

The official inauguration of the new building is planned for September 2023.

2. Accommodation and Resources:

The new extension consists of a very spacious building on one floor. The building connects directly with the current school building.

There are eight large classrooms, three of which will be used for Years 5 and 6 classes. Another will be used for art and design and technology, another for languages, another for mathematics and business studies, and the other room will be used as a science laboratory. This room has ample space for science activities, a fume cupboard and preparation room. Each of these rooms is large enough to accommodate 25 pupils comfortably. There is also a large room which will be used for staff.

There are eight toilets for pupils and staff, including disabled facilities.

The school's extensive outdoor space surrounds the building and provides well for outdoor play, as well as connecting to the nearby forest. Plans for the grounds include an orchard with fruit trees and vegetable patches as well as a large sports area. There is ample space available for further recreation facilities to be provided as pupil numbers increase.

Many new teaching resources have been acquired for this new building allowing for full implementation of the National Curriculum. In addition to this, all existing resources and furniture in the present building will be used here.

3. Health and Safety and Welfare:

All areas of the building comprise a safe and adequate environment for learning.

The large windows and glass doors ensure that the rooms are bright and there is heating and air-conditioning in each room.

Health and safety issues are given appropriate attention and the school policies outline important priorities and procedures including evacuation measures in the case of fire or emergency. There are emergency exit signs as well as fire extinguishers and smoke detectors throughout the building. The spacious, wide corridor enables pupils to move safely from one area to another.

A new ramp has been built in the school grounds to ensure safe access for school buses.

4. Conclusion:

The new premises of the British School of Costa Daurada fully comply with the requirements of the National Curriculum and provide a safe and suitable environment for pupils from Year 5 to Year 10. The accommodation is very good and each area in which learning will take place is well designed to ensure a stimulating environment for teachers and pupils alike.

5. Recommendation

- The new school building is recommended for authorisation from Year 5 to Year 10 for 200 pupils.