

Darul Uloom

Holcombe Hall, Holcombe Old Road, Holcombe, Bury, Lancashire BL8 4NG

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Inspection dates

14 April 2026

Context of the inspection

This was a monitoring inspection of the residential provision. This unannounced visit was carried out to monitor the progress in meeting the unmet national minimum standards that were identified at the previous Ofsted inspection on 1 to 3 July 2025.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The physical environment is safe for the children. School leaders have continued working on improving the boarding accommodation. They have repaired damaged walls and replaced some of the carpets. They have also rearranged bedrooms so that there is more space for children. Some of the required repairs were completed during this inspection. These issues should have been identified by the provider before the inspection without external prompting. While there are improvements, the boarding accommodation is not yet of a good quality. There are further works planned in the coming months.

The designated safeguarding lead is experienced and knowledgeable. He takes decisive action quickly in response to safeguarding concerns and allegations. This includes sharing information, making referrals to external agencies and investigating concerns thoroughly through a multi-agency approach.

Safeguarding leads have all completed appropriate training to enable them to carry out their roles.

Boarders do not go missing from the boarding provision and there have been no reported incidents of the use of physical intervention.

National minimum standards

The school must meet the following national minimum standards for boarding schools:

- The school's leadership and management fulfil their responsibilities consistently and effectively so that the standards are met. (Boarding schools: national minimum standards 2.4)
- Boarding houses and other accommodation provided for boarders are well lit, heated and ventilated, cleaned and maintained, and reasonable adjustments are made to provide accessible accommodation for any boarders with disabilities. (Boarding schools: national minimum standards 4.4)

Inspection team

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Information about this school

Darul Uloom Al Arabiya Al Islamiya is an independent boarding school for boys providing both Islamic studies and secondary education. The school caters for pupils of secondary school age as well as senior students. All the boarding accommodation is located on the school site, within the main building. Currently the school has a total of 381 pupils, 195 who are day pupils and 186 who board. The boarding provision was last inspected in July 2025.

School details

Unique reference number	105372
Social care unique reference number	SC008476
DfE registration number	351/6007

This inspection was carried out under the Children Act 1989, as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000, having regard to the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

The inspection was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

Type of school	Boarding School
Number of boarders on roll	186
Gender of boarders	Boys
Age range of boarders	11 to 23
Headteacher	Mutiullah Khan
Date of previous boarding inspection	01/07/2025
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