BRITISH ACCREDITATION COUNCIL INSPECTION REPORT

Short Course Provider (SCP) Reaccreditation Inspection

ORGANISATION: Wise Owl English Language

ADDRESS: 12 Elaine Avenue

Rochester Kent ME2 2YW

HEAD OF ORGANISATION: Mr Phil Monfor

DATE OF INSPECTION: 27-28 July 2017

ACCREDITATION STATUS AT INSPECTION: Accredited

DECISION ON ACCREDITATION:

•	Reaccreditation awarded for the full four-year period.
0	Decision on accreditation deferred.
\circ	Accreditation to be withdrawn.

Date: 19 October 2017

1. Background to the organisation

Wise Owl English Language Limited (Wise Owl/the Provider) was incorporated as a private limited company in July 2012. The current head of Wise Owl has been a director of the company for five years and is currently the sole company director. The Director is supported by a Director of Studies, who has oversight of teaching and learning.

Wise Owl was established with the objective of running junior English as a Foreign Language (EFL) summer schools.

Wise Owl changed the location for its 2014 summer school to Moffats School, Kinlet Hall in Shropshire. This is the current teaching venue. It is an English independent school during term time. Kinlet Hall offers teaching rooms, accommodation and spacious grounds for activities.

2. Brief description of the current provision

The Provider offers a programme which includes four weeks of intensive EFL teaching coupled with a variety of sporting and creative activities and excursions. The programme is aimed at participants who are aged 7 to 14 years. Course duration is of one to four weeks. The courses have a strong academic focus with 25 hours per week of EFL tuition.

The teaching is in classes that are arranged by English language ability. Class sizes are capped at 12 participants. Participants are tested every week and a report is made available to their parents. Participants receive an end of course certificate. All teaching, accommodation, meals, activities, excursions and transfers are included in the cost of the courses.

The Provider has grown its provision from seven students to the present 61 enrolments. Approximately half the current participants are from Europe and half from the rest of the world including a minority from China.

3. Inspection process

The re-accreditation inspection was carried out over two full days by one inspector. Four observations of teaching and learning and one observation of the afternoon activities took place. The inspector held discussions with the Director, the Director of Studies, boarding and activities staff, teaching staff and participants. The inspector scrutinised documentation, both electronic and in hard copy. Additional relevant documentation was made available on request. The Provider fully cooperated with the inspection process.

4. Inspection history:

Inspection type	Date
Stage 2	4 April 2013
Stage 3	29 July 2013
Interim	31 July 2014

PART B - JUDGEMENT AND EVIDENCE

The following judgements and comments are based upon evidence seen by the inspector(s) during the inspection and from documentation provided by the provider.

INSPECTION AREA - MANAGEMENT, STAFFING AND ADMINISTRATION

1.	The provider is effectively managed		
1.1	The management structure is clearly defined, documented and understood, including the role and extent of authority of any owners, trustees or governing body.	Yes	○ No
1.2	The head of the provider and other senior managers are suitably qualified and experienced, understand their specific responsibilities and are effective in carrying them out.	Yes	○ No
1.3	There are clear channels of communication between the management and staff and those working at the delivery venue/s.	Yes	○ No
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met		
Comm	ents ————————————————————————————————————		
The Pr	ovider is managed by a small team of qualified staff, who are effective in running the summer	school.	
	rector is an on-site member of the team and has good oversight of all aspects of the summer	school.	
2.	The administration of the provider is effective		
2.1	Administrators are suitably qualified or experienced and understand their specific responsibilities and duties.	Yes	○ No
2.2	The size of the administrative team is sufficient to ensure the effective day-to-day running of the provider.	Yes	○ No
2.3	The administrative support available to the management is clearly defined, documented and understood.	Yes	○ No
2.4	Policies, procedures and systems are well documented and effectively disseminated across the provider.	Yes	○ No
2.5	Data collection and collation systems are effective.	Yes	○ No
2.6			○ No
	Administrative offices are adequate in size and resources for the effective administration of the provider.	Yes	O 110
		(•) Yes	

The Director effectively manages and administers the summer school. The Director is appropriately supported by the Director of Studies who has oversight of teaching and learning. This allows the pastoral and teaching staff to fully engage with the participants.

Appropriate administrative policies and procedures are well documented and clear. Amendments made to policy documents are not tracked making it difficult to identify changes and when they have been made.

3.2 E					
	there are appropriate policies and effective procedures for the recruitment and continuing employment of suitably qualified and experienced staff.	•	Yes	○ No	
3.3 T	xperience and qualifications claimed are verified before employment.	•	Yes	○ No	
	here is an effective system for regularly reviewing the performance of staff.	•	Yes	○ No	
т	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met				
Comment	ts ————————————————————————————————————				
•	formance throughout the summer school is monitored by the Director of Studies who idented actions for improvements.	ifies	area	as and	
a	Publicity material, both printed and electronic, gives a comprehensive, up-to-date and occurate description of the provider and its programmes				
4.1 To	ext and images provide an accurate depiction of the provider's location, premises, acilities and the range and nature of resources and services offered.	•	Yes	O No	
4.2 Ir	nformation on the courses available is comprehensive, accurate and up to date.	•	Yes	○ No	
т	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met				
The onlin countries	ne prospectus is available in six languages, which means that it is easily accessible to particips.	ants	s fro	m a var	iety of
	he provider takes reasonable care to recruit and enrol suitable participants for its ourses				
a	ntry requirements for each course, including those relating to language ability, re set at an appropriate level and clearly stated in the course descriptions seen by prospective participants.	•	Yes	○ No	○ NA
р	formal application process ensures that participants meet the entry requirements and	_			
5.2 A	ny claimed qualifications are verified.	•	Yes	○ No	○ NA
5.2 A a 5.3 T	The provider replies to all application enquiries promptly and appropriately and briefs all takeholders properly on the nature and requirements of its programmes.			○ No	

6.	There is an appropriate policy on participant attendance and effective procedures and systems to enforce it					
6.1	There is a clear and published policy on participant attendance and punctuality.	•	Yes	0	No	
6.2	Accurate and secure records of attendance and punctuality at each session are kept for all participants, collated centrally and reviewed.	•	Yes	0	No	○ NA
6.3	Participant absences are followed up promptly and appropriate action taken.	•	Yes	0	No	
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met					
Comm	ents					
Attend	dance registers are taken for each class, activity and excursion.					
Attend	dance is carefully monitored by the pastoral staff and absences are followed up as a priority.					
7.	The provider regularly obtains and records feedback from participants and other stakeholders and takes appropriate action where necessary					
7.1	The provider has effective mechanisms for obtaining feedback from participants and other stakeholders (such as staff, partner providers and employers) on all aspects of the provider's provision, including formal participant representation where appropriate.	•	Yes	0	No	
7.2	Feedback is obtained, recorded and analysed on a regular basis.	•	Yes	0	No	
7.3	The feedback is reviewed by management and action is taken where necessary.	•	Yes	0	No	
7.4	There is a mechanism for reporting on the provider's response to the feedback to the participant body.	0	Yes	•	No	
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met					
Comm	ents ————————————————————————————————————					
are no	ack is obtained informally and appropriately taken into account in course planning. Participan of asked for feedback early in the course, which would allow the Provider to identify and resol earliest opportunity.					
	is key indicator is not applicable as the short duration of the summer school and the age of the ing to participants impracticable.	ie pa	ırtici	pan	ts m	akes
8.	The provider has effective systems to review its own standards and assess its own performance with a view to continuing improvement					
8.1	There are effective systems for monitoring and periodically reviewing all aspects of the provider's performance.	•	Yes	0	No	
8.2	Reports are compiled which present the results of the provider's reviews and incorporate action plans.	0	Yes	•	No	
8.3	Action plans are implemented and regularly reviewed.	0	Yes	•	No	
	This standard is judged to be:					
Comm						
Overa	Il performance is reviewed by senior staff at the end of each summer school.					
8.2 8.3	3 There is no formal reporting, action planning or documentary evidence of the review proces	s.				

INSPECTION AREA - TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT 9. Programme management is effective 9.1 There is a suitably qualified and experienced programme manager or management team Yes \(\cap \) No with responsibility for teaching, learning and assessment and the management of the body of trainers. 9.2 Classes are timetabled and rooms allocated appropriately for the courses offered. Yes \(\cap \) No The allocation of trainers to classes provides for a consistent learning experience and 9.3 Yes ○ No delivery is monitored to ensure consistency. There is an appropriate policy and effective procedures for the acquisition of teaching and 9.4 Yes \(\cap \) No learning resources. This standard is judged to be: Partially Met Not Met Met Comments The Director of Studies ensures that classes are adequately timetabled and rooms allocated appropriately. The Director of Studies is responsible for ensuring the quality of the participants' academic experience and has instigated a series of lesson observations, including peer observations, to ensure the participants have a consistent experience. 10. The courses are planned and delivered in ways that enable participants to succeed 10.1 Courses are designed and delivered in ways that allow participants to develop the ○ Yes ○ No NA knowledge and skills which will be required for final examinations or assessments or which meet stakeholders' requirements. 10.2 Lessons and assessments maintain an appropriate focus on any assessment objectives or NA statement of learning outcomes established by the awarding body. 10.3 Formative assessments appropriately reflect the nature and standards of summative NA examinations. 10.4 Participants are encouraged and enabled to develop independent learning skills. Yes \(\cap \) No \bigcirc NA

Partially Met

Not Met

Comments

10.5 In some lessons, participants are insufficiently challenged by the allocated tasks.

the classroom delivery of the course.

This standard is judged to be:

10.5 The academic backgrounds and particular needs of participants are taken into account in

11.	Trainers are suitable for the courses to which they are allocated and effective in delivering them		
11.1	Trainers are appropriately qualified and experienced.	• Yes	○ No
11.2	Trainers have a level of subject knowledge, pedagogic and communicative skill which allows them to deliver the content of courses effectively.	• Yes	○ No
11.3	The appraisal procedures for trainers incorporate regular classroom observation.	• Yes	○ No
11.4	Trainers are supported in their continuing professional development and enabled to develop further pedagogic techniques to enhance the learning of participants.	• Yes	○ No
11.5	Trainers respond to different learning needs of participants where appropriate, taking various learning styles into account in their planning and delivery of lessons.	• Yes	○ No
11.6	Trainers employ effective strategies to involve all participants in active participation and to check their understanding of concepts and course content.	• Yes	○ No
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met		
Commo	ents ualified and experienced teaching staff effectively meet the needs of the participants in their o	class	
	rticipants commented on how much they liked the lessons and how good the teachers are.	ciuss.	
THE Pa	rticipants commented on now much they liked the lessons and now good the teachers are.		
-	ticipants are encouraged to contribute in classes and support was available for those students d assistance with their written skills.	s who, for	example,
12.	The provider provides participants and trainers with access to appropriate resources and materials for study		
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met		
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Course	texts and the associated teacher handbooks are appropriate and readily available.		

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13.	progress, which are effectively monitored						
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13.1	Feedback is given to individual participants tailored to meet their specific needs and constructive in its nature and delivery.	•	Yes	О	No		
13.2	Courses are planned to include a schedule of assessments, the procedures and criteria for		Yes		Nο	\bigcirc	NΑ
	which are available in writing and in advance to participants and trainers.	C					, .
13.3	Assessment outcomes are monitored to enable the identification of participants who are not making satisfactory progress and prompt intervention where appropriate.	•	Yes	0	No	\bigcirc	NA
13.4	Participants are made aware of how their progress relates to their targeted level of achievement.	•	Yes	0	No	\bigcirc	NA
	Additional support or advice on alternative courses is provided to participants who are judged not to be making sufficient progress to succeed.	0	Yes	0	No	()	NA
13.6	Participants have appropriate access to trainers outside class time.	\circ	Yes	\circ	No	•	NA
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met						
Comm	ents —						
Partici	pants take a weekly test in order to assess their progress.						
Each te	eacher records and tracks the progress of participants in their class.						
Partici	pants are informed of their progress, as are their parents and additional support is put in plac	e if r	equ	ired			
14.	The provider offers courses leading to accredited awards granted by recognised awarding bodies wherever appropriate						
	This standard is judged to be:						
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Comm	ents ————————————————————————————————————						
15.	There is a clear rationale for courses leading to unaccredited or internal awards						
15.1	There is a clear statement of the level claimed relative to the NQF/QCF and evidence	$\overline{}$	Yes	$\overline{\bigcirc}$	No	\bigcirc	NA
	that participants who receive the award meet the stated requirements for that level.						
	There is evidence of the extent to which the awards are accepted for the purposes of employment or further study.	0	Yes	0	No	0	NA
15.3	External moderators are involved in the assessment process where appropriate.	\circ	Yes	\bigcirc	No	\bigcirc I	NA
	This standard is judged to be:						
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16.	There are satisfactory procedures for the administration of examinations and other means of assessment			
16.1	The provider complies with the requirements of the relevant awarding bodies in terms of examination security and administration where appropriate.	○ Yes	○ No	○ NA
16.2	For internal assessment and awards, there are effective systems in place for examination security and administration, and clear procedures for participants to appeal against their marks.	O Yes	○ No	○ NA
	This standard is judged to be:			
Comm	ents			
INSP	ECTION AREA - PARTICIPANT WELFARE			
17.	Participants receive pastoral support appropriate to their age, background and circumstances			
17.1	There is at least one named staff member responsible for participant welfare who is suitably trained, accessible to all participants and available to provide advice.	Yes	○ No	○ NA
17.2	Participants receive appropriate advice before the start of the programme.	Yes	O No	
17.3	Participants receive an appropriate induction and relevant information at the start of the programme.	Yes	○ No	
17.4	Participants are issued with a contact number for out-of-hours and emergency support.	○ Yes	○ No	NA
17.5	The provider has policies in place to avoid discrimination and a published procedure for dealing with any abusive behaviour.	Yes	○ No	
17.6	Effective safeguarding arrangements are in place and are regularly reviewed to keep all participants safe.	Yes	○ No	○ NA
17.7	Effective arrangements are in place to protect participants from the risks associated with radicalisation and extremism.	Yes	○ No	
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met			
Commo	ents ————————————————————————————————————			
Standa	ards of participant welfare are high.			
The pa	storal staff live on-site and are accessible to participants at all times.			
17.4 is	not applicable as participants are supervised at all times.			
The Dii place.	rector is the safeguarding lead and all the required safeguarding arrangements and associate	d docum	entatio	n is in
	ticipants interviewed said they feel safe and secure. They know who they can contact at any example, they feel unwell.	time, esp	ecially a	at night,
they tu	participants stay for the full four weeks of the summer school and many attend the summer sum 15, often returning with friends, siblings or both. This is a measure of parents' confidence fe environment for their children.		-	

18.	International participants are provided with specific advice and assistance	
18.1	International participants receive appropriate advice before their arrival on travelling to and staying in the UK.	• Yes No
18.2	International participants receive an appropriate induction upon arrival covering issues specific to the local area.	• Yes No
18.3	Information and advice specific to international participants continues to be available throughout the course of study.	• Yes O No
18.4	Provision of support takes into account cultural and religious considerations. Where possible, participants have access to speakers of their own first language.	• Yes No
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met NA	
Comme	ents ————————————————————————————————————	
	inglish language school participants are expected to converse in English at all times so they can formal setting.	an practice their English
	pants confirm that speaking English is an important part of making new friends and effectively nent of the course.	y enhances their
19.	The fair treatment of participants is ensured	
19.1	Participants apply for and are enrolled on courses under fair and transparent contractual terms and conditions.	• Yes No
19.2	Participants have access to a fair complaints procedure of which they are informed in writing at the start of the course.	• Yes No
19.3	Participants are advised of BAC's own complaints procedures.	• Yes O No
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met	
Comme	ents ————————————————————————————————————	

Enrolment and complaints procedures are effective and appropriate.

20.	Where residential accommodation is offered, it is fit for purpose, well maintained and appropriately supervised						
20.1	Any residential accommodation is clean, safe and of a standard which is adequate to the needs of participants.	•	Yes	0	No		_
20.2	Any residential accommodation is open to inspection by the appropriate authorities, including Ofsted where participants under 18 are accommodated.	•	Yes	О	No	O NA	
20.3	Clear rules and fire, health and safety procedures are in place, with appropriate precautions taken for security of participants and their property.	•	Yes	0	No		
20.4	A level of supervision is provided appropriate to the needs of participants.	•	Yes	\circ	No		
20.5	Separate accommodation blocks are provided for participants under 18.	•	Yes	0	No	○ NA	
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met NA						
Comme	ents —						_
	sidential accommodation consists of the dormitories belonging to the school that occupies the articipants are very happy with the accommodation, which meets their needs in terms of conces.			-	_		
·	nd girls are accommodated on separate floors. Each has two members of the pastoral staff on	the	e sam	ne fl	oor.		
	lormitories of three or four allow participants to be further grouped by age.	+ha					
21.	Where home-stay accommodation is organised, the welfare of participants is ensured and provider's relationship with hosts is properly managed	me					
21.1	Due care is taken in selecting home-stay accommodation which both provides a safe and comfortable living environment for participants and is appropriately located for travel to the provider and back.	0	Yes	0	No		
21.2	Any home-stay accommodation is inspected before participants are placed and is subject to regular re-inspection by a responsible representative or agent of the provider.	0	Yes	0	No		
	The provider has appropriate contracts in place with any hosts, clearly setting out the rules, terms and conditions of the provision.	0	Yes	0	No		
21.4	Appropriate advice and support is given to both hosts and participants before and during the placement.	0	Yes	0	No		
21.5	Clear monitoring procedures are in place with opportunities for participant feedback and prompt action taken in the event of problems.	\circ	Yes	\bigcirc	No		
	This standard is judged to be:						
Comme	ents ————————————————————————————————————						_

22.	The provider provides an appropriate social programme for participants and information on leisure activities in the area						
22.1	Participants are provided with appropriate information on opportunities for participation at events and other leisure activities which may be of interest.	•	Yes	0	No		
22.2	The social programme is responsive to the needs and wishes of participants.	•	Yes	0	No	0	NA
22.3	Any activities within the social programme have been chosen with consideration for their affordability by the majority of participants.	•	Yes	0	No	O	NA
22.4	Any activities organised by the provider are supervised by a responsible representative with suitable qualifications and experience.	•	Yes	0	No	0	NA
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met NA						
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Interes	ting trips are organised. Harry Potter World and the Black Country Museum are particularly p	opi	ular.				
-	afternoon, except on trip days, a number of activities are offered from which participants can e tennis, art and swimming, supervised by experienced staff.	cho	ose.	. Act	tivitie	es	
INSP	ECTION AREA - PREMISES AND FACILITIES						
23.	The provider has secure possession of and access to its premises						
23.1	The provider has secure tenure on its premises.	•	Yes	0	No	0	NA
23.2	Where required, the provider has access to suitable external premises for training purposes of a temporary or occasional nature.	0	Yes	0	No	•	NA
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met						
Comm	ents ————————————————————————————————————						

24.	The premises provide a safe, secure and clean environment for participants and staff						
24.1	Access to the premises is appropriately restricted and secured.	•	Yes	0	No		
24.2	The premises are maintained in an adequate state of repair, decoration and cleanliness.	•	Yes	0	No		
24.3	There are specific safety rules in areas of particular hazard (e.g. science laboratories), made readily available to participants, staff and visitors.	0	Yes	0	No	•	NA
24.4	General guidance on health and safety is made available to participants, staff and visitors.	•	Yes	0	No		
24.5	There is adequate signage inside and outside of the premises and notice boards for the display of general information.	•	Yes	0	No		
24.6	There is adequate circulation space for the number of participants and staff accommodated, and a suitable area in which to receive visitors.	•	Yes	0	No		
24.7	There are toilet facilities of an appropriate number and level of cleanliness.	•	Yes	0	No		
24.8	There is adequate heating and ventilation in all rooms.	•	Yes	0	No		
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met						
Comm	ents						
The su estate	pants and visitors to various locations such as the main office. mmer school building stands in its own grounds that are a good distance from the main road by private drive, signed from the main road. Thus the location is safe and secure. ormation on provision for participants with disabilities is available.	wit	h acc	ess	to tl	he	
25.	Training rooms and other learning areas are appropriate for the courses offered						
25.1	Training rooms and other learning areas provide adequate accommodation in size and number for the classes allocated to them.	•	Yes	0	No		
25.2	Training rooms and any specialised learning areas (e.g. laboratories, workshops, studios) are equipped to a level which allows for the effective delivery of each course.	•	Yes	0	No	0	NA
25.3	There are facilities suitable for conducting the assessments required on each course.	•	Yes	0	No	0	NA
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met						
Comm	ents —						
The Prarts ha	ovider uses the term time school's very good facilities, for example the classrooms, tennis co ıll.	urts	and	the	perf	formi	ing

26.	There are appropriate additional facilities for participants and staff				
26.1	Participants have access to sufficient space and suitable facilities for private study, including library and IT resources.	•	Yes	○ No	○ NA
26.2	Trainers have access to sufficient personal space for preparing lessons, marking work and relaxation.	•	Yes	○ No	○ NA
26.3	Participants and staff have access to space and facilities suitable for relaxation and the consumption of food and drink where appropriate.	•	Yes	○ No	○ NA
26.4	Participants and staff have access to storage for personal possessions where appropriate.	•	Yes	○ No	○ NA
26.5	There are individual offices or rooms in which trainers and senior management can hold private meetings and a room of sufficient size to hold staff meetings.	•	Yes	○ No	
	This standard is judged to be: Met Partially Met Not Met				
Comme	ents —				
Particip	pants have access to the school library, Information Technology facilities and relaxation areas.				
There a	are many comfortable rooms available for staff.				
This ma	akes for a pleasant environment for participants and staff.				
COM	PLIANCE WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS				
	Declaration of compliance has been signed and dated.	•	Yes	○ No	

PART C - SUMMARY OF STRENGTHS AND ACTION POINTS

Numbering of action points aligns with that of the minimum standards

MANAGEMENT, STAFFING AND ADMINISTRATION

Provider's strengths

The Director effectively manages all the operational aspo	ects of the summer school	I allowing temporary	staff to concentrate
on high quality teaching, learning and activities.			

Actions required	Priority H/M/L
8.2 8.3 The Director must formalise the annual review and action planning process to include input from participant, staff and parental feedback. This will ensure the Provider is responsive to the needs of the stakeholders.	○ High ● Medium ○ Low

TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

Provider's strengths

Well qualified and committed summer school teaching staff ensure that the academic needs of participants are met and that each participant has a successful summer school experience.

Actions required	Priority H/M/L
10.5 The Provider must ensure that participants are allocated to the class	○ High ● Medium ○ Low
best suited to their needs, to ensure appropriate stretch and challenge for all participants.	

PARTICIPANT WELFARE

Provider's strengths	
Participants are well looked after by a dedicated on-site boarding and activities t	eam.
Actions required	Priority H/M/L
Actions required	11101114 11711172
None	○ High ○ Medium ○ Low

PREMISES AND FACILITIES

Provider's strengths

The excellent facilities provided are those of a grade one listed building and the school that occupies the building during term time.

reaching rooms, dormitories, activity areas, dining rooms are all suitable for the Provider's summer school.			
Actions required	Priority H/M/L		
None	○ High ○ Medium ○ Low		

RECOMMENDED AREAS FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

The Provider should ensure version effective control of documentation so that evidence of review and updates is available.

The Provider should obtain feedback from all participants early in the course so that any identified actions can be taken quickly and improvements made.