

King of Kings School

Independent school progress monitoring inspection report

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Purpose and scope of the inspection

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Section 162A of the Education Act 2002, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005.^{1,2}

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.

Information about the school

King of Kings is an independent non-denominational Christian school situated in an inner city area of Manchester. The school, which is affiliated to Christian Education Europe (CEE), was established in 1986 and has been on its present site since 1991. The school buildings, initially constructed in the nineteenth century to provide education for the child mill workers, were known as 'The Ragged School'. Registered to accommodate up to 45 pupils, it currently provides education for 28 boys and girls between three and 18 years of age. There are seven children in the Early Years Foundation Stage and four pupils above compulsory school age. The intake of the school is multi-ethnic. A majority of the pupils are of West African heritage. One pupil has a statement of special educational needs. A relatively large proportion of the pupils receive support for learning in English as a second language. The school is regularly monitored by CEE.

The school aims *'to provide a Christian education by approaching every aspect of school life in accordance with the Bible, which is God's Word.'*

Context of the inspection

The school was last inspected by Ofsted on 19 January 2010. The school's action plan, prepared to rectify the regulatory failures identified in this inspection, was partially accepted on 30 March 2010; a revised version was fully accepted on 20 July 2010. This is the first monitoring inspection to check on the school's progress in implementing its post-inspection action plan.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The last inspection showed the school to be meeting most of the regulations for continued registration as an independent school. However, three areas needed improvement to enable the school to fully meet the regulations. The school was required to: in respect of provision for pupils' welfare, health and safety, provide urgently for the designated person to receive refresher training relating to their

¹ www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga_20020032_en_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162

² www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga_20050018_en_15#sch8

duties in safeguarding children, and also maintain appropriate risk assessments for all activities by pupils out of school; and in respect of the premises and accommodation, improve washroom and toilet facilities so that they were appropriate to the wide age range of pupils.

The school drew up an action plan in two parts to remedy these shortfalls. The plan set out: for the head teacher to study online courses, provided by 'SAFEchild', in 'Leading on child protection' and 'Introduction to child protection, Level 1'; to prepare a risk assessment on regular visits to the local park for pupils' play activities, based upon a pre-existing play policy; and to install two further toilets and a washbasin for the exclusive use of pupils in Year 7 and above, freeing the existing toilet facilities for the exclusive use of the pupils in Year 6 and below.

As a result of work to implement the action plan, the school has now rectified all three regulatory failures, and has done so within an agreed timescale. The school's promotion of the safeguarding and welfare of its pupils is now supported by the recent training undertaken by the head teacher, who has overall responsibility for child protection. The school has developed guidelines for staff within a detailed risk assessment for external visits, including those to the nearby park for play activities. Staff are required to follow these guidelines in practice; they are well aware of the procedures outlined in the guidelines. New toilet facilities have been installed and they are in sound working order. The school now has sufficient washroom and toilet provision for the number of pupils on roll. The toilet provision has been divided into two sections, one for pupils in Year 6 and below and one for those in Year 7 and above. Provision for girls and boys is appropriately separated.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school has made good progress and now meets all regulatory requirements.

School details

School status	Independent		
Type of school	Christian school		
Date school opened	September 1986		
Age range of pupils	3-18 years		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 14	Girls: 14	Total: 28
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs	Boys: 1	Girls: 0	Total: 1
Number of pupils who are looked after	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,650		
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