

# Aim Habonim

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.<sup>1,2</sup>

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

Aim Habonim is a special school providing childcare and education for children with severe special educational needs and/or disabilities from the Jewish community in Salford and Bury. The school opened in September 2007 for pupils aged 1 – 11 years. There are currently 27 pupils on roll, three of whom have statements of special educational needs. The school offers an education which it describes as *'sensitive to pupils' and children's religious and cultural requirements.'* The school provides for a small number of children in the Early Years Foundation Stage who do not have special educational needs. As well as a curriculum that includes the Early Years Foundation Stage, the school provides therapies and interventions specifically tailored to the needs of individual pupils. This approach is designed to meet the school's aim *'to enhance every child's academic, social, physical and emotional development to its full potential.'* The school's motto is *'All things grow with love.'* The childcare provision was last inspected in November 2009. The school was inspected in December 2009.

## Context of the inspection

The childcare provision was last inspected in November 2009. The school was inspected in December 2009 and was found not to meet a number of the requirements for registration. The school produced an action plan for improvement that was submitted in May 2010. The action plan was evaluated in July 2010; timescales for implementation and the responses of the school were found to be satisfactory. The purpose of this inspection was to monitor the school's progress in implementing its action plan.

## Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The inspection in December 2009 identified shortcomings in the child protection policy. Admission and attendance registers were not in perfect order, appropriate

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<sup>1</sup> [www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga\\_20020032\\_en\\_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga_20020032_en_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162)

<sup>2</sup> [www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga\\_20050018\\_en\\_15#sch8](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga_20050018_en_15#sch8)

checks were not carried out for agency cleaning staff and the proprietor, information about the numbers of complaints in the preceding year was not supplied to parents and carers and the single central register was incomplete. In addition, the pupils' toilet facilities and the arrangements for pupils who might become ill were inadequate. Not all of the required information was provided to parents.

The school stated in its action plan that the child protection policy would be amended, registers revised and staff trained to complete the attendance registers correctly. The missing checks on staff and proprietor were to be carried out and recorded. The school planned to re-allocate washrooms and provide a sickroom. The omitted information on complaints was to be provided to parents.

As a result of implementing its action plan, the school now meets all the requirements. The child protection policy has been amended to specify that an allegation of abuse be referred to the relevant authority in a timely manner and to specify the intervals at which staff must refresh their training. It also includes the required statement that the proprietor is required to annually review and report on the effectiveness of child protection procedures. The admission and attendance registers are now in order and meet the requirements. Appropriate checks and Criminal Records Bureau clearances are carried out for all members of staff and the proprietor and these details are contained in a single central register. The single central register includes details relating to the proprietor and agency cleaning staff. Toilet facilities are now adequate as is the room for pupils that are ill. The school now provides parents and carers with the required information regarding the number of complaints received in the previous year.

## **Compliance with regulatory requirements**

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

## School details

<b>School status</b>	Independent		
<b>Type of school</b>	Jewish special school for pupils with severe special educational needs and disabilities		
<b>Date school opened</b>	September 2007		
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	1-11 years		
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Mixed		
<b>Number on roll (full-time pupils)</b>	Boys: 3	Girls: 7	Total: 10
<b>Number on roll (part-time pupils)</b>	Boys: 9	Girls: 8	Total: 17
<b>Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs</b>	Boys: 1	Girls: 2	Total: 3
<b>Number of pupils who are looked after</b>	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£18,000 - £23,000		
<b>Address of school</b>	401 Bury Road Salford M7 2BT		
<b>Telephone number</b>	0161 705 0020		
<b>Email address</b>	<a href="mailto:info@aimhabonim.com">info@aimhabonim.com</a> <a href="mailto:admin@aimhabonim.com">admin@aimhabonim.com</a>		
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<b>Proprietor</b>	Mr D Leaman		