

Carmel Christian 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

Carmel Christian School is an independent Christian school run by Carmel Ministries International. It provides full-time education for 26 pupils aged four to 17 years, and part-time education for seven children in the pre-school, who receive nursery funding. There is one pupil who has a statement of special educational needs. The school was established in September 2000 and moved to its present site in Brislington, Bristol, in 2003. It occupies part of the Carmel Centre, which is used for church purposes. The school uses the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) programme. There is a separately registered provision for the Early Years Foundation Stage for children aged three to five years.'

Context of the inspection

Following its inspection in September 2009, the school was judged to provide an inadequate quality of education. There were a significant number of regulations not met. The school submitted an action plan in November 2009 which was judged as adequate. A first progress monitoring visit took place in February 2010 where the school met most, but not all, of the regulations. The regulations not met were in regard to safeguarding training, the information required in the admissions register, the suitability of toilets for children under five years and facilities for pupils who are ill. Subsequently, in June 2010, the school submitted further evidence against the action plan to show that these regulations were now being met. This evidence was evaluated by Ofsted in July 2010 with a recommendation that it should be validated by inspection. This is the report of a second monitoring visit to evaluate the progress made by the school in addressing the action plan.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

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

When the school was last inspected in February 2010, the designated member of staff responsible for safeguarding had not yet attended multi-agency training. Also, appropriate child protection training for all staff had not taken place. The school's action plan stated that the designated officer for child protection would undertake multi-agency safeguarding training provided by the Bristol Safeguarding Children Board. Also, all members of staff were to receive training in child protection through the use of approved materials purchased by the school. This would raise awareness and understanding of child protection issues and the need for the safeguarding of children to be given the highest priority, for all staff. This visit found that the designated officer attended training on safeguarding provided by the Bristol Safeguarding Children Board in March 2010. All other members of staff completed their safeguarding training in June 2010.

The monitoring inspection in February 2010 found that while the admissions register was being compiled, it did not meet regulations. As part of its action plan, the school submitted an updated copy of the admissions register in June 2010. However, an evaluation by Ofsted in July 2010 found omissions with regard to names and addresses of parents, the address where a pupil normally resides and the name and address of any previous school. This meant that the updated admissions register failed to meet regulations. The school revised its admissions register headings in July 2010 and the format seen on this visit now effectively meets the required regulations. The school has also worked effectively to ensure the appropriate information is acquired to complete the amended sections in the admissions register.

While the school's action plan contained targets to build new toilets, along with facilities for pupils who were ill, by January 2010, this work had not been carried out by the time of the monitoring visit in February 2010. Therefore the monitoring report in February 2010 stated that the toilet facilities continued to be unsuitable for children under five and did not meet requirements and that the facilities for pupils who were ill were still inadequate. The timescale in the action plan was revised and work was due to be completed by July 2010. From direct observations made on this visit, building work to provide adequate toilets and facilities for pupils who are ill has been completed and these are now fully in use. The toilet facilities and washbasins are suitable for children under five. The area is well decorated and accessible but secure for children to use. The ratio of toilets and washbasins to the number of children meet the required regulations. There are now appropriate facilities for pupils who are ill, including a medical trolley where a pupil can lie down quietly and privately and have easy access to washbasins and toilets.

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		
Date school opened	2000		
Age range of pupils	4–17		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 11	Girls: 15	Total: 26
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	Boys: 2	Girls: 5	Total: 7
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs	Boys: 1	Girls: 0	Total: 1
Annual fees (day pupils)	£ 2,100		
Address of school	Carmel Christian Centre, 817A Bath Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 5NL		
Telephone number	01179 775533		
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Headteacher	David Owens		
Proprietor	Rev. Gerri Di Somma		