

# Wisdom Primary and Secondary 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. 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**

Wisdom School is an independent day school for boys and girls aged from seven to 16 years. It is located in Tottenham, North London. Almost all of the pupils come from various minority ethnic communities in Haringey and neighbouring London boroughs. The vast majority speak English as an additional language. The Key Stage 4 provision is in its second year of operation. There are currently 84 pupils on roll, with nearly twice as many boys as girls. The school has some pupils with statements of special educational needs. The school opened in 2006 and was last inspected in December 2010. It is owned by the Axis Educational Trust.

Wisdom School aims to 'inspire children to become confident, respectful, caring individuals who achieve personal success and develop a love of learning'.

## **Context of the inspection**

A light touch inspection was carried out on 9 December 2010, when the school met most, but not all, of the regulations for registration. The school's safeguarding procedures, including child protection arrangements, were judged inadequate. This mostly stemmed from weak administrative systems which did not ensure that all health and safety policies and practices were implemented or monitored effectively. Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks were not always obtained before employment commenced, and effective supervision of staff was not always put in place before the outcome of vetting was known. The single central register did not contain all of the required information. Refresher training for first aid and child protection was not organised before current certification expired. The school's three-year accessibility plan, as required by the Disability Discrimination Act, was out of date. The school submitted an action plan which was evaluated on 7 March 2011 and found to be inadequate. This was because insufficient evidence had been submitted to support the school's intended actions and timescales for completion were unclear.

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

The school has made satisfactory progress since the last inspection in rectifying important weaknesses to ensure that all regulatory requirements are now met. The arrangements to safeguard pupils' welfare, health and safety, including child

protection, are satisfactory. All staff, including the designated child protection officer, have been trained at the appropriate level to fulfill their child protection responsibilities.

The safeguarding policy has been suitably updated and meets requirements. The framework is school-specific and is reviewed and updated annually. At the time of the last inspection, first aid training was not always conducted within the recommended timescales and certification was not up to date. Two members of staff have been trained in first aid, thereby ensuring that a qualified first aider is on site at all times during the school day. Recruitment and staff vetting procedures have been improved and all of the required checks, including enhanced CRB vetting, have been carried out on staff, and others, to ensure their suitability to work with children. The single central register has been amended and it contains all of the necessary detail to meet requirements.

The school has produced a satisfactory three-year accessibility plan to fulfill its duties under the Disability Discrimination Act.

## **Compliance with regulatory requirements**

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

## School details

<b>School status</b>	Independent		
<b>Type of school</b>	Independent Day School		
<b>Date school opened</b>	11 October 2006		
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	7–16 years		
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Mixed		
<b>Number on roll (full-time pupils)</b>	Boys: 52	Girls: 32	Total: 84
<b>Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs</b>	Boys: 0	Girls: 1	Total: 1
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£5,700		
<b>Address of school</b>	Wisdom Primary and Secondary School 336 Phillip Lane Tottenham London N15 4AB		
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