

# Gateshead Jewish Nursery 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.<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**

Gateshead Jewish Nursery School is an independent nursery and reception school that was opened in 1981. It is located in Gateshead, in single-storey, purpose-built premises with good disabled access. It is registered for children between two and six years of age. The school's aim is to promote the positive character traits of co-operation, kindness, politeness and responsibility. The school prides itself that children of the Jewish faith are welcomed into the school regardless of ethnic origin or disability.

The school currently has 148 full-time and 44 part-time boys and girls aged between two and a half and five years on roll. One child has a statement of special educational needs. At present, there are no children above five years of age. Some children, who stay in the Nursery for an extra year, turn six in the summer term before they leave. The school continues to provide an Early Years Foundation Stage education for these children. All three to four year olds at the school are entitled to free education and most of the children at the school receive nursery funding. The school was last inspected in December 2010.

The school also provides childcare for children aged nought to three years. The childcare provision is inspected separately and the last childcare inspection, which took place in 2008, judged the quality and standards of care to be satisfactory.

## **Context of the inspection**

The school was last inspected in December 2010. This inspection identified significant shortfalls in the school's child protection policy and not all staff had attended the required training for child protection. Fire drills were infrequent and not logged properly, audits of fire safety compliance were unsatisfactory and two fire doors could not be opened easily. The school did not have a three-year accessibility plan which paid regard to the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, as amended. The school did not conduct medical checks for staff and other necessary checks were haphazard and not properly recorded. In addition to this, the single central record

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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)

was missing many of the required details. Water in the older part of the building was unregulated and children were at risk of scalding themselves.

The school produced an action plan in March 2011 that was evaluated in April 2011. The action plan was found to be satisfactory with minor areas for improvement. The purpose of this visit was to monitor the school's progress in implementing its action plan.

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

The school's child protection policy now contains all of the required details. The designated person and all staff have attended the required training for child protection and training is recorded appropriately in a log book. Training in child protection forms part of the induction process for new staff.

Two fire drills were conducted during the summer term. These were recorded satisfactorily and one was observed by a fire safety company commissioned by the school to oversee all aspects of fire safety. The two fire doors that could not be opened easily during the last inspection have been replaced. All staff attended fire safety training in May 2011. The school now has a three-year plan in keeping with the Equalities Act 2010.

The school has conducted medical checks for all staff and it is now the school's procedure to conduct these checks for all new staff. These are recorded, together with all other required checks in a single central register. All members of staff are included in the register and it is completed as required. Water throughout the school is now regulated to a safe warm temperature and children can wash their hands without the risk of becoming scalded.

The school has made good progress in implementing its action plan and it now meets all of the regulations.

## **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>	Nursery school		
<b>Date school opened</b>	1981		
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	2-6		
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Mixed		
<b>Number on roll (full-time pupils)</b>	Boys: 64	Girls: 84	Total: 148
<b>Number on roll (part-time pupils)</b>	Boys: 18	Girls: 26	Total: 44
<b>Number of children aged 0–3 in registered childcare provision</b>	Boys: 15	Girls: 20	Total: 35
<b>Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs</b>	Boys: 1	Girls: 0	Total: 1
<b>Number of pupils who are looked after</b>	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£2,018		
<b>Annual fees (childcare)</b>	£4,926		
<b>Address of school</b>	Alexandra Road Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE8 1RB		
<b>Telephone number</b>	0191 4783723		
<b>Email address</b>	<a href="mailto:headteacher@gatesheadkinder.org.uk">headteacher@gatesheadkinder.org.uk</a>		
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<b>Proprietor</b>	Gateshead Jewish Nursery School Trust		