

Beis Malka Belz Girls School

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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

Beis Malka Belz is an independent primary day school for orthodox Jewish girls aged three to 11, located in the basement of a large Victorian terraced building in Salford, North Manchester. The rest of the building is occupied by Eim Habonim, a school for children with special educational needs, and both schools work closely together to ensure that the premises are safe, secure and in a decent state of repair.

The school has been functioning since May 2008. It currently has a total of 94 pupils on roll. Forty-four children are in the Early Years Foundation Stage and none of these children receive nursery funding. There are nine children who attend part time. All of the remaining pupils are in Years 1, 2 and 3. There are no pupils with a statement of special educational needs.

The school plays an important role in catering for the burgeoning Chassidic community of North Manchester. Its aim is to 'implant the fear of Heaven and good character traits in the children' and to 'enable all children to learn and develop their skills to the best of their abilities'. The school was last inspected in May 2011.

Context of the inspection

The school was inspected in May 2011. During this inspection, welfare health and safety was inadequate because the designated person for safeguarding had not attended the required training and induction procedures with regard to child protection were unsatisfactory. As a result of these failures, the overall effectiveness of the Early Years Foundation Stage was judged to be inadequate. In addition to this, aspects of fire safety were inadequate and information provided to parents and carers through the school prospectus omitted some required details. The school produced an action plan in November 2011. This was evaluated at the end of November and was found to be satisfactory. The purpose of this visit was to evaluate the school's progress in implementing its action plan.

¹ www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/32/contents.

² www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/18/contents.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

During the inspection in May 2011 it was found that the designated person for safeguarding had not attended the required training and that arrangements for the induction of new staff with regard to child protection were inadequate. The school had not conducted the necessary fire checks and fire drills were not logged appropriately.

The school prospectus was missing the following details: the name of the headteacher and the proprietor's details, particulars of provision for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities and for those with English as an additional language, information on the curriculum, the number of complaints during the previous year and the number of staff and their qualifications. It was also noted that the school prospectus was missing a statement on safeguarding and that the safeguarding/child protection policy is available in the school office.

During this inspection it was found that the designated person for child protection attended appropriate training on 15-16 September 2011 and that all staff attended training on 5 September 2011. Three recently appointed members of staff were trained in child protection procedures during induction. A refresher course in child protection for all staff is to take place in September 2012. The child protection policy is in order and contains all of the required details. The induction policy contains all of the required details including the stipulation that new staff are to be trained in child protection procedures.

This inspection found that the school has taken all of the necessary measures to ensure fire safety and fire drills are logged appropriately. The school prospectus now includes all of the required details.

Regulatory failures with regard to the welfare health and safety of children in the Early Years Foundation Stage have been rectified and the Early Years Foundation Stage now meets all of the requirements.

The school has made good progress in implementing its action plan and now meets all regulatory requirements.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

School details

School status	Independent
Type of school	Orthodox Jewish girls' primary school
Date school opened	May 2008
Age range of pupils	3-11 years
Gender of pupils	Girls
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	85
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	9
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs	0
Number of pupils who are looked after	0
Annual fees (day pupils)	None - funded by donation
Address of school	403 Bury New Road Salford Manchester Lancashire M7 2BT
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