

Beis Trana Girls' 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

Beis Trana is an independent day school for girls aged three to 16 from *Charedi* Jewish families. It opened in 1995 and is situated in the Stamford Hill area of London. The school abides by the standards set by the Rabbinite of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, resulting in no access to television, the internet and certain curriculum-related subject matter. The main language spoken at home is Yiddish. *Kodesh* (religious studies) is mainly taught in the mornings in Yiddish, and *Chol* (the secular curriculum) is taught in English in the afternoons from Year 1. Only Yiddish is spoken in the Early Years Foundation Stage. There are currently 270 girls on roll. Of these, 59 are in the Early Years Foundation Stage, 44 of whom are in receipt of government funding. Three pupils have statements of special educational needs. The school was last inspected in January 2011 and this is the second monitoring visit based on an evaluation of the school's action plan. The school's main aim is 'to deliver a high class education, which is firmly based on Torah principles and to be educated in accordance with the National Curriculum, ultimately combined within *Kodesh* studies'.

Context of the inspection

The school was last inspected in January 2011 when a number of regulations were not met. The school submitted an action plan in May 2011, which was found to require improvement. The school received its first monitoring visit in October 2011. The visit found that the school had made progress in implementing the action plan. However, three regulations were still not met, all relating to premises and accommodation. The school was requested to draw up an action plan in response to that report which was presented too late to be evaluated prior to the present visit.

The purpose of this second monitoring visit was to assess the school's progress in implementing its latest action plan.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The monitoring visit of October 2011 found that a number of the classrooms were too small and cramped for the number of pupils and were not conducive to learning. There are still some classrooms which are too small for the number of pupils in them although the situation has been improved by the school providing new areas for group learning to take place. This has been achieved by relocating the library to the

basement and through the purchase of a demountable classroom. Meanwhile, the proprietor is pursuing planning permission to extend the site into existing buildings, so that this regulation can be fully met.

In the previous monitoring visit in October 2011 the inspectors found that there were insufficient washrooms and washbasins for staff and pupils, including facilities for disabled pupils and those with special educational needs. Through the school's reorganisation and the new demountable classroom, it now provides sufficient washrooms and washbasins for staff and pupils.

In the previous monitoring visit in October 2011, some areas of the school were found to be poorly decorated. As a response to that visit the school introduced a rolling programme to decorate the whole building. The successful implementation of this programme, coupled with the cheerful and inspirational display of pupils' work on walls around the school, has ensured that the school now meets this regulation.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

As a result of this inspection, the school must take action to meet The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010¹ ('the Regulations'), as follows.

- Having regard to the number, age and needs (including any special educational needs and/or disability) of pupils, ensure that all classrooms are appropriate in size to allow effective teaching, and that no areas of the school compromise health or safety (paragraph 23(i)).

¹ www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/1997/contents/made.

School details

School status	Independent
Type of school	Day school for Charedi Jewish girls
Date school opened	1995
Age range of pupils	3–16
Gender of pupils	Girls
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	270
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs	3
Number of pupils who are looked after	0
Address of school	186 Upper Clapton Road London E5 9DH
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Proprietor	Mr Konig