

# Etz Chaim School at the Belmont

89 Middleton Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, Lancashire, M8 4JY

## Inspection dates

19 February 2013

## Context of the inspection

- The school received an unannounced emergency inspection on 10 October 2012 at the request of the DfE to investigate concerns about the safety of students. The inspection found hazards from external scaffolding on the building and from large windows on the upper floor which opened sufficiently for pupils to climb out. The school produced an action plan in November 2012 that was evaluated in December of that year. The actions taken by the school were judged to be satisfactory subject to satisfactory implementation.
- This progress monitoring inspection was undertaken at the request of the DfE to evaluate the progress made by the school in the implementation of its action plan.

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

### Regulations not met

The inspection in October 2012 confirmed reports from a Trafford fire officer and the Manchester local authority designated officer for safeguarding that scaffolding surrounding the building created a health and safety hazard and that large and unrestrained windows in upper floor classrooms enabled students to climb out of the building. Reports that students were unsupervised in the building during some breaks could not be investigated because there were no students at the school due to a religious holiday.

During this inspection it was found that all scaffolding has been removed. All windows including velux style windows have been affixed with bars to prevent students from climbing through. Some of the window bars are spaced so that it would be impossible for any student to slip through, but not all are spaced in this way. As a result, windows in a number of classrooms continue to pose risks to the safety of students.

During this inspection, standards of supervision were checked. It was found that students are supervised effectively both in the playground and the canteen during break time. A supervision rota for staff for all breaks is in place.

## Compliance with regulatory requirements

**The school requires improvement and must take action to meet The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010 ('the Regulations'), and associated requirements**

The proprietor should ensure that the school's accommodation and facilities are maintained to a sufficient standard to ensure the health, safety and welfare of pupils, as far as is reasonably practicable. Regulation 23C

## Inspection team

Chanan Tomlin, Lead inspector

Additional Inspector

## Information about this school

- Etz Chaim Boys' School was established in 1993 in North Manchester as a strictly orthodox Jewish secondary day school, serving a particular strand of the local Jewish religious community.
- There are currently 115 students on roll, aged 11 to 16 years, all of whom speak English and are of White British heritage.
- The school admits students of differing abilities, including those with learning difficulties and disabilities, three of whom currently have statements of special educational needs.
- The school's last full inspection was in January 2011.

## School details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	131015
<b>Inspection number</b>	411406
<b>DfE registration number</b>	352/6053
This inspection was conducted at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. It was carried out under section 162A of the Education Act 2002, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005.	
<b>Type of school</b>	Secondary Boys' Jewish School
<b>School status</b>	Independent School
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	11–16
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Boys
<b>Number of pupils on the school roll</b>	115
<b>Number of part time pupils</b>	0
<b>Proprietor</b>	Mr N. M. Halpern
<b>Chair</b>	Mr Y Reich
<b>Headteacher</b>	Rabbi Eli Cohen
<b>Date of previous school inspection</b>	18 January 2011
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£5580
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