

Beis Ruchel D'satmar London

117 Stamford Hill, London, N16 5RS

Inspection dates

27 February 2013

Context of the inspection

The school had its last full inspection in June 2012 when the inspection covered only the registered provision for pupils from five to six years of age. Three regulations were failed relating to premises and welfare, health and safety. A material change inspection was carried out just prior to that full inspection to report on whether the school could incorporate different year groups. This change was not recommended as, at the time, the school failed to meet a significant number of regulations and Early Years Foundation Stage requirements. The school submitted an action plan in September 2012, relating to the full inspection of the registered five-to-six-year-olds, which was considered satisfactory.

This is the first progress monitoring visit to evaluate the progress made, within the registered provision for five-to-six-year-olds, in implementing this action plan.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Good progress

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

Following the full inspection in June 2012, the school was required to ensure that the staff who were designated with responsibility for child protection received the appropriate higher-level training. The training was successfully completed and there are now three members of the senior leadership team with responsibilities for safeguarding who are suitably trained.

At the time of the last inspection in June 2012, some areas of the school were found to be poorly decorated. These included the main hall, gym and toilets. As a response to that inspection, the school implemented a major redecoration project to paint walls and ceilings in these areas. The successful implementation of this programme, coupled with a cheerful and inspirational display of pupils' work on walls around the main hall, has ensured that the school now meets this regulation in full. An example of the high-quality display is that seen within the main hall, which provides visual cues that support pupils' understanding of Jewish festivals.

In the last inspection in June 2012, some of the flooring was considered to be in poor condition. As a response to that inspection, the school has varnished and industrially cleaned these flooring areas and this regulation is now fully met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

Jonathan Yodaiken, Lead inspector

Additional inspector

Information about this school

- Beis Ruchel D'Satmar opened in January 2009, with several girls of three years of age, and was not registered.
- In March 2011, the school was granted registration for 40 girls aged from five to six years.
- At the time of this monitoring visit, there were 137 children in the Early Years Foundation Stage, 26 pupils aged from five to six years and 72 pupils aged from six to nine years of age.
- The school is not registered for the three-to-five-year-olds and the six-to-nine-year-olds and the Early Years Foundation Stage has no qualified members of staff. Consequently, this inspection covered only the registered provision for the five-to-six year olds.
- At the same time as this progress monitoring inspection, a material change visit was made to evaluate whether the school could increase the age range and number of pupils.
- The school occupies the large premises of a former independent mixed school in Stamford Hill, Hackney. It serves the ultra-orthodox Jewish Satmar community and the language spoken in the pupils' homes is Yiddish.
- In Year 1, pupils learn in Yiddish in the morning and in English in the afternoon.
- In adherence to its religious ethos and commitment, the school follows the educational traditions and rules of this particular religious Chasidic community.
- The school aims to 'develop in each girl her Charedi, Satmar Jewish Identity while enabling her to experience success, progress and enjoyment academically, personally and socially'.
- There are no pupils with a statement of special educational needs.

School details

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Type of school	Orthodox Jewish Chassidim
School status	Independent School
Age range of pupils	5–6
Gender of pupils	Girls
Number of pupils on the school roll	26
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	Mr A Klein
Chair	Mr A Klein
Headteacher	Mrs R Just Mrs S Intrater
Date of previous school inspection	21–22 June 2012
Annual fees (day pupils)	£0
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