

The Eden Independent School

Eversheds Sports Ground, Wyke Gardens, Hanwell, W7 2BB

Inspection dates

27 February 2013

Reason for inspection

Since the last inspection, the school has very recently moved premises and also changed the status of its ownership. This inspection was undertaken with no notice to check that the school was still complying with the regulatory requirements for independent schools and the statutory requirements for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Conclusions

The move to new premises caused substantial upheaval for the school. The headteacher is fully aware that the subsequent upheaval of moving to new premises has been challenging in order to maintain the overall quality of education provided. She is fully aware of the current shortcomings of the premises and that there is a need to 'press-on' with the required changes.

The nursery has been temporarily closed and staffing has been reduced accordingly. While the new premises have the potential to be adequate, there is still much to do to enable the school to perform at the level judged at the previous inspection. The early stage of the move to new premises has hampered the school in maintaining the quality of its educational provision for pupils. Brief observations showed a lack of pace in learning, too little work in books of some older students and a failure to meet the assessment requirements for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The school has undertaken some preliminary adaptations to the premises and conducted appropriate health and safety and fire risk assessments, with some guidance from the local authority. However, some areas of the school, both outside and inside, while mostly not accessible to pupils, are untidy and potentially hazardous. The school does take some steps to minimise the risks but not enough to continue to meet all the requirements in this standard. There are no facilities for older pupils to shower after physical education and the facilities for pupils who are ill do not meet requirements.

Adequate training on safeguarding and child protection has been carried out at appropriate levels, including for the designated member of staff for child protection. Safety checks have been carried out on water and gas supplies and fire-fighting equipment.

Although the school has a range of procedures to promote health and safety, including risk assessments, its policies do not yet fully reflect the current premises. In parts, they relate to procedures and arrangements at the school's previous accommodation. For example, this applies to the first-aid policy. While staff are suitably qualified in first aid, the provision of first-aid materials in the kitchen area is inadequate. The school is not maintaining attendance registers appropriately. The school does not have a written record of sanctions imposed for serious misbehaviour.

The school carries out the required checks on the suitability of staff to work with children.

However, it has not been diligent in ensuring that it accurately records the checks made on the single central register of staff.

The temporary arrangements of some teaching areas, especially for older students in the main hall, mean that noise from neighbouring classes is distracting and has a detrimental effect on learning in these lessons. Teaching spaces for pupils in Key Stages 1 and 2 are adequate.

Accommodation is adequate for Reception-age children and there is access to outdoor space, though this is not a secure area for them to play in. The school has access to a large grass area. The hard area outdoors is suitable for a few pupils at a time when the field is unsuitable.

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

Ensure that arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare and safety of pupils.	Paragraph 7
Ensure that the health and safety procedures and policies properly reflect the current premises and full range of activities undertaken.	Paragraph 11
Ensure that the first-aid policy is updated adequately to fully reflect the current premises and that it is implemented properly.	Paragraph 14
Ensure that a record is kept of sanctions imposed for serious misbehaviour.	Paragraph 16
Ensure that all attendance registers are fully completed in line with statutory requirements.	Paragraph 17
Ensure that the single central register has all the required information in respect of staff appointed after 1 May 2007.	Paragraph 22(3)
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Ensure that there is appropriate changing accommodation and showers for pupils aged 11 years or over at the start of the school year who receive physical education.	Paragraph 23A(1)(c)
Ensure that there is appropriate accommodation for short-term care of sick and injured pupils, which includes a washing facility and nearby toilet facility.	Paragraph 23B(1)(b)
Ensure that the school's accommodation and facilities are maintained to a sufficient standard to ensure the health and safety and welfare of pupils as far as is reasonably practical.	Paragraph 23C
Ensure that the proprietor has provided accommodation and facilities such that the acoustic conditions and sound insulation of each room or other space are suitable having regard to the nature of the activities which normally take place in them.	Paragraph 23D

The school must meet the following requirement of the Statutory

Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Ensure that there is ongoing assessment of children's progress. Section 2

Ensure that the single central register is properly maintained. Section 3

Ensure the safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment. Section 3

Inspection team

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Her Majesty's Inspector

Information about this school

- The Eden School is a Seventh Day Adventist independent school originally opened in 1995 for children aged three months to 17 years. It has recently moved to new premises in Hanwell, West London.
- There are 40 pupils on roll. The school currently has no pupils of Nursery age but has a Reception class of six children.
- Most pupils are from minority ethnic groups, the largest groups being Black British Caribbean and Black British African.
- Several pupils have special educational needs which relate mostly to moderate learning, behavioural and emotional difficulties.
- The previous inspection, in January 2012, judged the school to provide a good quality of education.

School details

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Type of school	Seventh Day Adventist
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	3 months to 18 years
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	40
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	The Eden School (SDA) Limited
Chair	Glenroy Anderson
Principal	Laura Osei
Date of previous school inspection	19–20 January 2012
Annual fees (day pupils)	£6,900–£12,900
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