Sunrise Primary School



55 Coniston Road, London, N17 0EX

Inspection dates

6 June 2013

Context of the inspection

This inspection was undertaken 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.

The school had a full inspection in December 2012 when, although it was judged to provide a satisfactory quality of education, its provision for the welfare, health and safety of students was judged inadequate. A number of regulations were not met. These were in relation to students' welfare, health and safety, the school's premises and accommodation, and the provision of information.

The school's action plan was evaluated and accepted in March 2013, although some improvement was needed.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Good progress

The inspection of December 2012 found that the school's designated child protection officer (DCPO) had not refreshed her advanced level training within the required time. This has now been rectified and the DCPO has received the required training. In addition, although all other staff members had received child protection training as required, some staff members were not clear about the procedures they should follow in the event of a concern about child protection being raised. In response to this the school has now reviewed and updated its child protection policy with support from the Haringey Local Safeguarding Children Board. Procedures that all adults associated with the school should follow if they have any concerns about a child protection issue are clearly laid out. To ensure that all staff members are fully acquainted with the new policy, training has taken place for the whole staff team. In addition, all staff members are now required to sign a form attached to the policy document to confirm that they have read and understand the policy. A similar requirement is now also made for all new parents and carers when they register their children at the school. The requirements of this standard are now met.

During the last inspection the school was found to have a suitable behaviour policy that explained how pupils would be encouraged and rewarded for behaving well. However, the inspection found that the policy was not clear about sanctions that could be imposed if pupils behaved badly, or what procedures would be followed if the school felt it necessary to suspend or exclude a pupil from the school. The behaviour policy has now been reviewed and revised. It now provides guidance for staff members, and explanation for parents and carers, about the acceptable range of sanctions that can be used in the school. It also contains a detailed grid identifying what the school sees as appropriate responses to different types of misbehaviour. Staff training has been provided to ensure that all staff members are fully aware of these new arrangements and copies of the new policy have been made available to all parents and carers. In addition, all new parents and carers are now required to sign a statement to the effect that they have read, understand

and accept the school's policy about behaviour and sanctions when they register their children to attend the school. Teachers commented that the new arrangements have had a beneficial impact on behaviour in the school and that pupils now have a greater understanding about the possible consequences of any misbehaviour. The requirements of the standard are now met.

The last inspection found that the management of health and safety arrangements on the school premises was weak. In response, the school has appointed a health and safety officer with specific responsibility to ensure that daily, weekly and annual checks are made of all premises, facilities and equipment used by the pupils. These checks are now carried out appropriately and suitably recorded. Any issues that might have an impact on pupils' health and safety are now identified quickly; recommendations are made, as necessary, and appropriate actions are carried out as needed in a timely manner. The requirements of this standard are now met.

At the last inspection a regulation was failed because the school's kitchen, which is used to prepare lunches for pupils and staff, had not been inspected by the relevant external authority. This has now been rectified and the local authority Environmental Health Officer has inspected the kitchen and awarded it a high grade for food safety.

The information that the school provided or made available for parents, carers and others did not meet all requirements at the last inspection. The school has now updated its website and added the relevant information to the pack that it makes available for parents and carers. All the required information is now available and the regulation is now met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

John Gush, Lead inspector

Additional Inspector

Information about this school

- Sunrise Primary School is a non-selective independent school for pupils aged between two and 11 years. The school opened in 1987 and is situated in Tottenham in the London Borough of Haringey. There are 42 pupils on roll. The Early Years Foundation Stage consists of two classes: Reception and Nursery, with seven full-time and 15 part-time children. In the Nursery class, there are six children under the age of three. The registered childcare provision for these children did not form part of this progress monitoring inspection. The school receives nursery funding for 15 children. The school provides an after-school crèche for pupils.
- There are two teaching groups in Key Stages 1 and 2, both of which are taught in one room. There are no pupils in Year 6 and no pupils with a statement of special educational needs. The school is run by the Sunrise Education Trust and is part of the Neo-Humanist Movement that aims to encourage a 'universal human society' and 'develop a whole child to bring out the individual talents'. It aims to promote healthy lifestyles through encouraging pupils to follow a vegetarian diet and participate in yoga exercise.
- The school was last inspected in December 2012.

School details

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Type of school	Primary
School status	Independent
Age range of pupils	2 to 11 years
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	42
Number of part time pupils	15
Proprietor	Sunrise Education Trust
Chair	Mary Anne Lovage
Headteacher	Mary Anne Lovage
Date of previous school inspection	11–12 December 2012
Annual fees (day pupils)	£4,953
Telephone number	020 8885 3354
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