

Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain, The Welsh School London

C/O Stonebridge Primary School, Shakespeare Avenue, London, NW10 8NG

Inspection dates

28 June 2013

Context of the inspection

In May 2012, the school received a full inspection. The school was judged to provide a satisfactory quality of education as a result of a satisfactory curriculum and satisfactory teaching and assessment. Pupils were making good progress in Welsh and in their personal and social development. The inspection found that the school had good arrangements for the pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and arrangements for their welfare, health and safety and safeguarding were satisfactory.

Although the school met a majority of regulations, it failed to meet regulations in relation to its anti-bullying policy, accessibility plan, contact details and complaints procedures.

A progress monitoring inspection was undertaken in November 2012 at the request of the DfE to evaluate the progress made by the school in the implementation of its action plan. The DfE also requested that the inspector investigate whether pupils in Key Stage 1 were receiving teaching in both English and Welsh languages. That inspection found that the school had made good progress in relation to the action plan but that the school was not meeting the requirement to provide lessons in written and spoken English as well as in Welsh to pupils at this stage.

The school drew up a second action plan that was evaluated and accepted in February 2013.

This is the first progress monitoring inspection to be undertaken at the request of the DfE to evaluate the progress made by the school in the implementation of the second action plan.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Good progress

Following the monitoring inspection in November, the DfE requested the school provide an action plan to address the lack of provision of teaching of English to pupils in Key Stage 1.

In its action plan, the school said that it intended to introduce lessons in written and spoken English in Key Stage 1, to ensure that all schemes of work and lesson planning were written in both languages and to introduce more books written in English into Key Stage 1.

During this present inspection, the teaching in Key Stage 1 was observed, discussions were held with staff and pupils, teachers' planning was examined and pupils' workbooks were scrutinised.

This inspection found that teaching is carried out in both English and Welsh throughout the day in all classes. Written English is now being taught every day to pupils in Key Stage 1. There is systematic and regular teaching of English phonics (the sounds that letters make) to pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2. All schemes of work and lesson plans are set out in English and Welsh and there is a good range of books in English available to all pupils.

The actions of the school are sufficient for the regulation to be met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

Mick Megee, Lead inspector

Additional Inspector

Information about this school

Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain (The Welsh School London) was established in 1958. It moved to its present location at Stonebridge Primary School in Brent in 2004. It is a non-selective, co-educational, independent day school for pupils between the ages of three and 11 years. Currently there are 34 pupils on roll, of whom five are part-time. There are 11 children in the Early Years Foundation Stage. The pupils are grouped in three mixed-aged classes, one for each key stage. The school has a very small number of pupils who have a statement of special educational needs. The school is run by a board of directors on behalf of The Welsh Schools Trust and aims to provide 'bilingual Welsh education outside of Wales'. The school's last full inspection was in May 2012.

School details

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Type of school	Independent primary school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	3–11 years
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	34
Number of part time pupils	5
Proprietor	The Welsh Schools Trust
Chair	Mrs Eleri Brady
Headteacher	Miss Julie Sullivan
Date of previous school inspection	November 2012
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,400
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