

The Alyssa School

Bibi House, 69-85 Whitmore Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, B10 0NR

Inspection dates

21 November 2013

Context of the inspection

The purpose of this inspection was to check on the school's progress in meeting the regulations failed at the time of an emergency inspection undertaken on 6 June 2013. That inspection found that the detail of the admission register did not meet requirements. It also found that shower facilities were not always available to students following physical education. The general standard of maintenance of the accommodation and facilities to ensure pupils' health, safety and welfare required improvement. The outdoor area had trip hazards and too much litter and debris. The school prepared an action plan to address the shortcomings which was approved in June 2013.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Good progress

The emergency inspection found that the admission register did not record all required details, including those of parents, schools previously attended and destinations of leavers. All of those details are now completed thoroughly. The school now meets this regulation.

The emergency inspection found that when boys attended the nearby girls' school site to use their facilities for physical education, there were no showers available. Sufficient showers have now been installed. These have a hot water supply, although at the time of the inspection this was not working. The headteacher immediately dealt with this and the thermostat is being replaced.

The emergency inspection identified that the outdoor area had trip hazards and too much litter and debris. It is now free of litter and debris. Paving which had been lifted by tree roots has been reset so that trip hazards have been removed. Adequate arrangements are now in place to ensure separation between pupils at the school and children in the childcare facility with which the school shares the site.

The emergency inspection found windows in need of repair or replacement and a shabby state of decoration in some areas. Classrooms, corridors, washrooms and communal areas have now been painted and refurbished so that generally the school interior appears clean and bright. Window replacement and maintenance has taken place appropriately in line with the action plan. The school meets all the regulatory requirements for its premises and accommodation.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

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Information about this school

- The Alyssa School was opened in 2005 and was registered in 2008. Its last full inspection was in September 2012. The school is allowed to take up to 85 students aged 11 to 19 years. Currently there are 10 full-time students on roll aged 14 to 16 years.
- The school's students are referred mostly by Pupil Placement (Birmingham City Council) which secures education for young people who are not in school. A few come from mainstream schools as part of a managed move.
- A few students do not speak English or are at the early stages of speaking English. Some are refugees and have missed vital years of their education in their homeland. Up to five different nationalities make up the school community.
- There is no longer adult provision of any kind at The Alyssa School.

School details

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Type of school	Other independent school
School status	Independent School
Age range of pupils	11–19
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	48
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	Ruby Khan
Headteacher	Ruby Khan
Date of previous school inspection	20 September 2012
Annual fees (day pupils)	£6,300
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