

The Eden School

Evershed Sports Ground, Wyke Gardens, Hanwell, Ealing

Inspection dates

6 June 2014

Context of the inspection

The previous full inspection, in January 2012, judged that the school provided a good quality of education, but an emergency inspection in February 2013 found a number of failings. A progress monitoring visit, in November 2013, found 12 regulations not fully met. These related to welfare, health and safety, and the accommodation standards in the school's new premises. This present inspection was undertaken at the request of the Department for Education, the registration authority for independent schools, in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan to remedy the shortfalls, which was submitted in February 2014.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Good progress

Following the upheaval of the move to the new premises in January 2013, the school is now settled, the nursery has reopened and many improvements have been made, both to the premises and the accommodation, and to ensure the complete welfare, health and safety of all the pupils, so that all the regulations have now been met.

The progress monitoring visit in November 2013 found that some of the policies for pupils' welfare, health and safety did not reflect the school's location in the new premises. All policies that relate to welfare, health and safety have now been revised, as set out in the school's action plan, to reflect the new premises and accommodation. A computerised risk assessment programme has been put into place, so that risk assessments which relate to both the premises and the curriculum, including the Early Years, are carried out regularly, and remedial actions carried out when appropriate.

The November inspection visit found that the anti-bullying policy did not reflect the latest guidance. The anti-bullying policy is now detailed and robust, reflecting the latest national guidance, and it includes information about cyber-bullying. It is also relevant to all the various age ranges within the school.

The school's record of sanctions was found to be incomplete. The sanctions book, which contains very few incidents, now details all the associated actions and consequences, and is in line with requirements, although it is not always clear how these are followed through over time.

The November inspection visit found that the first aid policy did not reflect the new premises. The first aid policy has now been revised and clearly indicates the precise location of the first aid boxes. All first aiders have up-to-date training including paediatric training for the Early Years children.

Previously, there were concerns that the flooring had not been completed in the science, humanities and medical room, and there were not separate toilets for pupils. The floors have all now been retiled with marble tiles. The toilets and washrooms have all been retiled and refurbished to a good standard; there are separate toilets for boys and girls, and separate washrooms for the staff.

The school did not have showers for older pupils undertaking physical education. The washrooms for the older students now each contain shower cubicles.

In November 2013, the school did not have a suitable medical room. The school has now allocated a room for the medical examination and treatment of pupils. This room is furnished with a bed, a sink and first aid equipment. A toilet and shower are nearby as required.

The November visit found that noise travelled between teaching areas. The large open teaching space has now been sectioned off into different classroom areas and acoustic dividers have been placed between the rooms from floor to ceiling. On the day of this present visit, there was no disturbance from noise between teaching areas.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

Sandra Teacher, Lead inspector

Additional Inspector

Information about this school

- The Eden School is a Seventh Day Adventist independent school originally opened in 1995 for up to 60 children aged from three months to 18 years. It moved to its current premises in Hanwell, in the London Borough of Ealing, in January 2013.
- There are 58 pupils currently on roll aged from two to 18 years; there has been a steady increase of pupils in the last year. Thirteen pupils are of Nursery and Reception age, with one in receipt of government funding. There are 29 secondary-aged pupils, which includes two students in the sixth form.
- Most pupils are from minority ethnic groups, the largest groups being Black British Caribbean and Black British African.
- Seven pupils have a statement of special educational needs, which relate mostly to moderate learning difficulties. They are placed and are funded by their local authorities, and all are of secondary school age.
- The school provides before- and after-school care each day. The Eden Day Nursery Plus Pre-School and Out of School Provision, which is registered on the Early Years Register and both the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Child Care Register, were inspected in September 2013 when the provision was judged to be satisfactory.

School details

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Type of school	Seventh Day Adventist
School status	Independent School
Age range of pupils	1–18
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	58
Number of part time pupils	9 in the nursery
Proprietor	Berton Samuel
Chair	Berton Samuel
Headteacher	Laura Osei
Date of previous school inspection	January 2012
Annual fees (day pupils)	£7,000–£12,900
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