

Green Gables Montessori Primary School

4 Wapping Lane, Wapping, London, E1W 2RG

Inspection dates

2 July 2014

Reason for inspection

This unannounced emergency inspection was made at the request of the Department for Education to:

- check the school's strategies for managing behaviour and ensuring the welfare, health and safety of pupils
- look at the school's safeguarding and anti-bullying policies and their implementation
- check the school's arrangements for checking and admitting visitors
- look at the school's procedures for handling complaints.

Conclusions

The school's policies and procedures for ensuring the welfare, health and safety of its pupils meet regulatory requirements. The school is a calm and purposeful place where pupils are happy and enjoy learning. Relationships between pupils and between pupils and staff are positive. Pupils' behaviour is managed well and pupils respond promptly to guidance and instructions. Staff share pupils' excitement and sense of achievement when they succeed in a task; pupils are both praised for their efforts and encouraged to take the next steps. Pupils have a good understanding of right and wrong, and take responsibility for their actions. In one class, pupils were helping each other to make kaleidoscopes; they were confidently learning from their mistakes and sharing solutions with others, including their teacher.

The school's safeguarding policy and its implementation reflect the most recent national guidance. The procedures make due reference to the local children's safeguarding board. All staff are trained at the appropriate levels, including the designated person for child protection who has completed the required higher level training. Those involved in appointing staff have completed appropriate training in safe recruitment. The school makes all the required checks on adults working with children and records these on a single central record. The behaviour and anti-bullying policies also reflect national guidelines and are fully implemented; appropriate written records are made of incidents and the school's response.

The policies for the health and safety of pupils on and off the premises include suitable risk assessments. The school responded promptly to an incident where a pupil operated the electric door release and admitted a parent to the school; a coded keypad has since been installed, together with a suitably protected emergency release switch. Visitors to the school are admitted by a member of staff who operates the coded lock. Parents and carers are checked by staff; visitors and contractors are required to sign in and out, and wear a named visitor badge during their time in the school. The school's first aid policy is appropriate for the age of the pupils and there are sufficient trained staff to ensure cover

both in school and when groups of pupils are off the premises. The required checks on the fire alarm, electrical and gas equipment, and other equipment are carried out on a regular basis. Registers are completed in accordance with requirements.

The school's complaints policy and procedures meet regulatory requirements and these are fully implemented. In dealing with complaints, the school has followed its procedures in responding promptly to concerns and in keeping detailed records over time. The school has adhered to the timescales set out in its policy and followed procedures in keeping those involved informed of the next steps and outcomes.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets schedule 1 of The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010, as amended by The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements.

Inspection team

Michael Best, Lead inspector

Additional Inspector

Information about this school

- The school is located in Wapping in east London. It opened in September 2011. The school's first inspection as a primary school took place in April 2013 when its overall effectiveness was judged to be good.
- The school shares the same building as Green Gables Pre-School, which is registered separately with Ofsted as a childcare provider. Together, the school and pre-school are registered for 94 pupils. The school is registered for pupils aged between three and 11 years.
- The current age range of pupils in the school is three to nine years. There are 46 in the school and six in the pre-school. Twenty five children are in receipt of the government's nursery funding. No pupil has a statement of special educational needs and there are no pupils with disabilities. No pupil speaks English as an additional language.
- There are three classrooms for Reception, Lower Elementary (Key Stage 1) and Upper Elementary (Key Stage 2). There is a 'peaceful classroom'; a hall used for a range of purposes, including an after-school club; and a small eating area used for a breakfast club. There is a catering kitchen where a chef prepares meals and snacks daily. The pre-school has a large classroom with its own suite of children's toilets. The school has no playground and so it uses two local parks. It also uses the local swimming pool.
- The school's aim is 'to offer an inclusive and caring environment that values the uniqueness of your child, nurtures their individual needs and helps them achieve their potential academically through the Montessori method'.

School details

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Type of school	Montessori Primary
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	3–11
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	46
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	Jackie Brierley
Chair	N/a
Headteacher	Jan Arnold
Date of previous school inspection	30 April–2 May 2013
Annual fees (day pupils)	£7,600 to £11,100
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