

Hafs Academy

Unit 3, 26 Maryland Road, Stratford, London, E15 1JW

Inspection dates

11 November 2014

Overall outcome

Independent school standards met

Context of the inspection

- A material change visit was made to the school on 20 May 2014 at the request of the Department for Education, the registration authority for independent schools. This was in order to: check the suitability of the new additional premises at 67 Maryland Square, Stratford, London, E15 1HE; evaluate the maximum capacity of the school; and verify the suitability of the new curriculum for pupils in Key Stage 2.
- The school would like to: change the age range from 11 to 14 years to seven to 14 years; increase its capacity from 120 to 240 places; continue to provide Key Stage 3 education for 120 boys in the existing premises; and accommodate a total of 120 boys and girls at Key Stage 2 in the new premises. The Key Stage 2 provision will be accommodated in a currently vacant building which was previously known as Whitechapel College. The proprietor plans to admit pupils to Key Stage 2 from September 2015.
- The school's material change application was recommended subject to the proprietor being able to meet two unmet regulations relating to the accommodation for the short-term care of sick and injured pupils (paragraph 23B(1)(b)) and the outdoor play space for pupils' play (paragraph 23G(1)(b)).
- The school drew up an action plan to address these shortcomings. This was evaluated on 23 July 2014 and found to be satisfactory.
- This unannounced progress monitoring inspection visit was made at the request of the registration authority to check the school's progress in implementing its action plan.

Main findings

- The material change inspection found that the school had a room at the new premises for pupils to go to when they were unwell which was located reasonably near a toilet. However, it did not have a hand-washing facility. In its action plan, the school proposed that a hand basin with hot and cold running water would be installed in the designated medical room located on the first floor. This is located next to a toilet. This progress monitoring visit found that the school has implemented its action plan. The basin has been fitted and provides both hot and cold running water. The regulation is now met.
- At the time of the material change inspection, the surface of the outdoor space for Key Stage 2 pupils to play at the new premises was in need of repair. In its action plan, the school proposed laying a new concrete surface and providing suitable drainage. The school has successfully implemented its action plan proposals. The outside area now comprises a newly concreted area together with a freshly grassed area. The drainage is effective. These facilities are well secured by a boundary wall and locked gate. The regulation is now met.
- The registration authority is recommended to grant the school's request for a material change, as outlined above.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010, as amended, and associated requirements

Inspection team

Michael Best, Lead inspector

Additional inspector

Information about this school

- Hafs Academy is a small independent Muslim day school located in Stratford, in the London Borough of Newham. The school is housed in an industrial unit. There are currently 87 students on roll aged 11 to 14 years. None has a statement of special educational needs and none is disabled or has special educational needs. Most students are of Bangladeshi heritage and have English as their first language. There are very few students who speak English as an additional language.
- The school seeks to help the students achieve an understanding of their Muslim faith and the role of Islam in their lives. It teaches most subjects of the National Curriculum, as well as Arabic, and Islamic and Qur'anic studies. The school's stated aim is to 'provide a safe, peaceful and well-organised environment for the students to receive a broad, balanced curriculum based on the National Curriculum through the teaching and practice of Islam'.
- The school opened in September 2012 and is registered for up to 120 boys aged from 11 to 14 years. It was first inspected by Ofsted in June 2013 when it was found to provide an adequate quality of education and all the regulations for registration were met.

School details

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Type of school	Muslim secondary school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	11–14 years
Gender of pupils	Boys
Number of pupils on the school roll	87
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	Hafs Academy
Chair	Muhammad Mujeeb Rahman
Headteacher	Jamil Ahmed
Date of previous school inspection	26 June 2013
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,600
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