

# M A Boys School

Greenhill Centre, Florence Street, Bradford, BD3 8EX

## Inspection dates

12 November 2014

## Overall outcome

**Unmet independent school standards identified**

## Reason for the inspection

- This inspection was conducted by Ofsted at the request of the registration authority.
- The Department for Education asked Her Majesty's Inspectors to consider whether the school is compliant with the regulatory requirements in relation to Standard 3, arrangements to promote the welfare health and safety of the pupils and Standard 4, the suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors. Standard 5, part 23C was also considered during the inspection.

## Main findings

This inspection showed that a number of independent school regulations within Standard 3 and also 23C of Standard 5 are not being met.

- Pupils report they are safe in school and well-supported in their learning. They say there is always an adult to whom they can turn in times of need. However, there are weaknesses in the rigour with which leaders of the school ensure the site is safe. A light fitting in the gymnasium, which is also used as a prayer-room, is not fully secured. An electrical wire in the changing room is hanging from a beam; although it is not 'live' it poses a risk to any pupils pulling it down. Additionally, there are pieces of wood behind the door that are unsecured and they could fall onto a pupil or member of staff.
- The child protection policy is not fully compliant with requirements. The policy does not explain procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse made against the headteacher. There is limited guidance within the policy to help staff recognise and be alert to signs of abuse.
- The school's designated lead for child protection completes training every two years, as required.
- The school keeps an electronic list of all pupils on roll as required. This list does not include details of all pupils who have been on the school roll and who have subsequently left. There is therefore no record of where they have moved to or whether the school has made a return to the local authority informing them when the school does not know where the pupil is moving to. The admission register presented to inspectors did not include an index, was not in alphabetical order and did not identify the gender of pupils; these are all requirements of the Standard.
- A relevant written behaviour policy is in place that states how the school encourages and promotes pupils' good behaviour. Sanctions to be adopted for instances of misbehaviour are identified and recorded appropriately.
- The school's anti-bullying policy covers most forms of bullying, including 'cyber-bullying'. Older pupils have a clear understanding of the various types of bullying including homophobic bullying. The school are aware that more needs to be done to ensure younger pupils understand all types of bullying and are taking action to tackle this.
- Relevant health and safety checks, including those for fire safety are regular and up to date.
- Recruitment procedures meet requirements and the single central record shows that appropriate checks are made on the suitability of staff. The deputy headteacher is a representative on

Bradford's Children Safeguarding Board and there is good ongoing work with the local authority's 'Prevent' officer to train pupils to be aware of and understand risks of radicalisation or extremism.

- The school building is airy with appropriate classroom areas, lighting and ventilation. There are enough toilets for the number of pupils and there are changing and shower facilities available for pupils. Pupils complain that the heating is not often at a high enough temperature and they are sometimes cold in classes. At the time of the inspection, classrooms, corridors and the dining hall were at a reasonable temperature.
- There is suitable space outdoors for pupils' play and recreation and pupils are effectively supervised during break and lunch times. An astro-turf playing pitch has recently been constructed for sport and recreation. This, the perimeter fence and the side of the school were unkempt. Pupils left litter on the astro-turf and the access path to the surface was littered with bottles and other type of litter. There is only one bin on the school site and pupils are not taught to share in the responsibility for keeping the grounds free from litter.

### Compliance with regulatory requirements

**The school requires improvement and must take action to meet 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.**

- Ensure that the child protection policy meet requirements (paragraph 7).
- Ensure the admission register is maintained in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 (paragraph 17).
- Ensure that the school premises and the accommodation and facilities provided therein are maintained to a standard that, so far as is reasonably practical, the health and safety and welfare of pupils are ensured (paragraph 23C).

## Inspection team

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## Information about this school

- M A Boys School is an independent Muslim day school for boys aged 11 to 16 years of age in the city of Bradford. It is owned by the headteacher. Until September 2011, boys and girls attended the school. Boys were relocated to a refurbished building in September 2011 and this became the boy's school, with a girl's school now on the previous school site. The girl's school is subject to its own inspection regime and was last inspected in May 2013.
- At the time of the inspection there were 100 pupils on roll, none of whom have a statement of special educational needs and none are learning English as an additional language.
- The school opened in August 2003 and was registered in 2005. The school's last full inspection was in October 2010 when the quality of education and the welfare, health and safety of pupils were judged to be good and pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development was judged to be outstanding.
- The school did not meet all requirements in respect of the premises and accommodation (standards in part 5), and was required to provide sufficient washrooms for staff and pupils, including facilities for pupils with special needs and disability, which took account of regulations 3 and 4 of the Education (School Premises) Regulations 1999 (paragraph 23(j)).
- The previous school was subject to a progress monitoring visit in October 2011 when this standard was checked and judged to be met following the school's relocation to a refurbished building in September 2011.

## School details

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<b>DfE registration number</b>	380/6115

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<b>Type of school</b>	Secondary day school
<b>School status</b>	Independent school
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	11–16
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Boys
<b>Number of pupils on the school roll</b>	100
<b>Number of part time pupils</b>	0
<b>Proprietor</b>	Arshad Khan
<b>Headteacher</b>	Arshad Khan
<b>Date of previous school inspection</b>	12 October 2011
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£2,300
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