

# M A Boys School

Greenhill Centre, Florence Street, Bradford BD3 8EX

## Inspection date

24 November 2015

## Overall outcome

**Independent school standards not met**

## Context of the inspection

- The inspection was undertaken at the request of the registration authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan.
- The inspection took place without notice.
- The registration authority requested that the inspection focused on compliance of the standards in Part 3 and Part 5 of the independent school regulations.
- This is the school's first progress monitoring inspection since an emergency inspection which took place November 2014.
- The Department of Education (DfE) required an action plan from the school following the emergency inspection. After evaluation the action plan was seen to require improvement.
- The inspector examined a range of school documents required as part of the independent school standards, such as the admission register and those relating to behaviour, safeguarding and the welfare, health and safety of pupils.
- The inspector also inspected the condition of the premises both inside and outside at different times of the school day. Meetings were held with pupils, the proprietor and the headteacher. The inspector also spoke with teaching staff.

## Main findings

- The child protection and safeguarding policy does not meet requirements. The policy does not make reference to the most recent documentation, *Keeping children safe in education* (July 2015) and *Working together to safeguard children* (2015). Therefore there is limited guidance on the most recent reporting requirements and helping staff to be aware of signs and types of abuse.
- There is no written risk assessment policy in place. Therefore risk assessment procedures have not been adequately carried out. Risk assessments are not available for either outside area, hazards not identified and minimised. This has meant these areas are unsafe places for pupils to be in. This is an area of concern identified during the inspection and not an issue raised prior to the inspection by the registration authority.
- Both outside recreation areas are unsafe due to unacceptable levels of litter and debris. The astroturf area has unsecured fencing and an opening that leads onto the remains of a burnt-out building. This area was also covered with broken glass. Although teachers warn pupils of the dangers, both these areas are unsafe for pupils.
- Numbers of toilets are appropriate for pupils, visitors and staff and are adequately clean and tidy.
- A medical room is available for sick or injured pupils as required.
- Classrooms and corridors and the prayer room are in good condition and are light and airy. The large gymnasium is not as neat and tidy as the rest of the school, with tatty and missing ceiling tiles, and is in need of some redecoration.
- The single central record was compliant by 3pm on the day of the inspection, as at this point prohibition from teaching checks had been confirmed.
- Pupils feel safe in school and say they enjoy coming to school. They say relationships are good.

Pupils comment that teachers help them to improve.

- Pupils attend assemblies where discussions help pupils understand how to keep themselves safe. Following recent global events pupils were advised how to be aware of dangers such as grooming and extremism, particularly while using the internet.
- Pupils and staff know who the designated child protection officer is and this is also signposted around the school. The current lead has the requisite training. The new headteacher is a representative on the local safeguarding board and attended the two-day training for designated lead during the inspection. All other staff have undertaken level 2 online training for safeguarding children in September 2015.
- Staff are well trained and have completed training in first aid, the 'Prevent' agenda and health and safety in education.
- The proprietor confirmed that there had been no complaints and no referrals or issues relating to child protection. Therefore records were not seen. The proprietor is aware of his duty to report to the appropriate authorities when necessary.
- The behaviour policy is effective and known by staff and pupils. Records of sanctions and lateness are recorded. An anti-bullying policy is effective. Pupils are aware of different types of bullying and comment that bullying is rare.
- Appropriate policies are also available for health and safety and first aid.
- The admission and attendance register is maintained in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006.
- Fire risk assessments and checks on firefighting equipment are made by an external company and are all up to date. Records of regular evacuations and checks are well maintained.
- Leaders and managers have not ensured that all the independent school standards are met consistently.

### Compliance with regulatory requirements

#### **The school must take action to meet The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 and associated requirements**

- Ensure that the child protection and safeguarding policy meets requirements by having due regard to the most recent guidance issued by the Secretary of State (Part 3 Welfare, health and safety of pupils, paragraph 7, 7(a) and 7(b)).
- Ensure that the welfare of pupils at the school is safeguarded and promoted by the drawing up and effective implementation of a written risk assessment policy. Also ensuring that appropriate action is taken to reduce risks that are identified (Part 3 Welfare, health and safety of pupils, paragraph 16, 16(a) and 16(b)).
- Ensure that the school premises and the accommodation and facilities provided therein are maintained to a standard such that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of pupils are ensured (Part 5 Premises of and accommodation at schools, paragraph 25).
- Ensure that a suitable and safe outdoor space is provided in order to enable pupils to play and take part in physical education (Part 5 Premises of and accommodation at schools, paragraph 29(1), 29(1)(a) and 29(1)(b)).
- Ensure that leaders and managers demonstrate good skills and knowledge and fulfil their responsibilities so that the independent school standards are met consistently (Part 8 Quality of leadership in and management of schools, paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c) and 34(2)).

## Inspection team

Jo Sharpe, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

## Information about this school

- M A Boys School is an independent Muslim day school for boys aged 11 to 16 years.
- The M A Girls School is located on a separate site and subject to its own inspection.
- The school's previous standard full inspection took place October 2010.
- A member of staff from the M A Girls School has taken the post of headteacher since September 2015.
- At the time of the inspection there were 62 pupils on roll, none of whom is disabled or a statement of special educational needs.
- The proprietor's vision is to have a school 'that is not divided by design or culture; a school with high academic standards and expert support for those that need it; firm but fair discipline; breadth of opportunity and happy children who feel secure and cherished'.

## School details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	134386
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<b>DfE registration number</b>	380/6115

This inspection was conducted at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. It was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008.

<b>Type of school</b>	Muslim boys school
<b>School status</b>	Independent school
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	11–16 years
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Boys
<b>Number of pupils on the school roll</b>	62
<b>Number of part-time pupils</b>	0
<b>Proprietor</b>	Mr A Khan
<b>Headteacher</b>	Mr S Harzallah
<b>Date of previous school inspection</b>	October 2010
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£2,700
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