

Peninim School

27 Green Lane, London NW4 2NL

Inspection date

3 March 2016

Overall outcome

Independent school standards met

Context of the inspection

- This 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.
- This was the second progress monitoring inspection following the identification of unmet standards during a material change inspection in December 2013. At the first progress monitoring inspection in April 2015, all the previously unmet standards were judged to be met. However, a number of different standards were judged to be not met.
- The school submitted an action plan to the Department for Education (DfE) in July 2015 which was approved with some modifications in September 2015.
- This inspection was conducted without notice.
- The inspector held meetings with the headteacher and other members of staff. She scrutinised the school's safeguarding policy, a selection of staff files and records of checks made on the suitability of staff to work with children. The inspector also considered the information provided to parents about the work of the school. She observed pupils and staff arriving at the start of the school day.

Main findings

Welfare, health and safety of pupils

- Leaders have ensured that all requirements in relation to welfare, health and safety of pupils are now met. At the time of the last inspection, leaders had not completed checks to ensure that members of staff were not disqualified by association from working with young children. This also led to failings in relation to the suitability of staff.
- Leaders have successfully implemented their action plan. All members of staff have received information explaining what it means to be disqualified by association from working with young children. Leaders have put measures in place to check that none of the staff team are disqualified in this way. Records of these checks are kept in a structured and systematic way.

Suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors

- Leaders have ensured that all requirements in relation to the suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors are now met.
- All the required checks are completed prior to members of staff taking up their post in the school. Leaders have undertaken suitable checks on the small number of volunteers who work in the school in a similarly robust manner. They have checked that no members of staff are disqualified by association from working with young children.
- The single central record of checks on staff is complete and contains all the required information relating to the checks that have been made.

Quality of leadership in and management of schools

- Leaders have successfully implemented their action plan. As a result, all the independent school standards are now met. This means that all requirements in relation to the quality of leadership in, and management of, the school are now met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 and associated requirements

Inspection team

Gaynor Roberts, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

Information about this school

- Peninim School is a small independent orthodox Jewish primary school for girls. There are currently 37 pupils on roll, taught in four classes. There are pupils on roll in Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 5.
- All pupils are from the orthodox Jewish community. Most pupils speak English as an additional language, with Yiddish as their first language.
- There are no pupils identified as having special educational needs or disability.
- The school opened in September 2010 and registered as a school in September 2011. The school was judged to be adequate at the time of its first full inspection in June 2012. All the independent school standards were met.
- In November 2013, the school moved to new premises in Hendon, North London. In December 2013, the school received a material change inspection and a number of independent school standards were found to be unmet. In April 2015, a progress monitoring inspection judged the previously unmet standards to be met. However, it also identified a number of different standards which were not met.
- The school aims to provide 'a high level of excellence in both religious and secular studies based firmly on Torah principles'.

School details

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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.

Type of school	Jewish primary school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	3–11
Gender of pupils	Girls
Number of pupils on the school roll	37
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	Rabbi Y E Brief
Headteacher	Raitzel Feingold
Date of previous school inspection	29 April 2015
Annual fees (day pupils)	£3,900
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