

Beis Aharon School

85–95 Bethune Road, London N16 5DT

Inspection dates

10 May 2016

Overall outcome

Unmet independent school standards not identified

Reason for the inspection

- The Department for Education, the registration authority for independent schools, commissioned this inspection. It was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008. The sole purpose of the inspection was to check the school's meeting of the independent school standard relating to the keeping of admissions and attendance registers.
- The inspection was conducted without notice. During the inspection the principal was present.
- The inspector held meetings with the principal, the proprietor and administration staff. Documents were examined relating to Part 3, paragraph 15 of the independent school standards. The inspector checked the safeguarding policy and whether it was made available to parents, in reference to Part 6, paragraph 32(1)(c) of the independent school standards.

Main findings

- The inspector reviewed the content of the school's safeguarding policy. The policy refers to the latest statutory guidance, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', July 2015 (KCSIE) and was updated in February 2016. The KCSIE guidance is contained within appendix 1 of the policy with key sections highlighted, for example, children missing in education, female genital mutilation, the school's Prevent duty and child sexual exploitation.
- The policy names the designated safeguarding leads and includes the local authority safeguarding team contact. Procedures for safeguarding referrals and whistleblowing action are defined. The policy arrangements have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State, in reference to Part 3, paragraph 7(b) of the independent school standards.
- The inspector assessed whether the school provides policy information regarding safeguarding to parents under Part 6, paragraph 32(1)(c) of the independent school standards. He reviewed the school's information pack provided to all parents of pupils at the school. The pack contains a list of available school policies, including the safeguarding policy. Guidance on how to obtain the policies from the school office is included in the information pack. The school has no website.
- Arrangements are made to provide a copy of the safeguarding policy to parents, in reference to Part 6 paragraph 32(1)(c) of the independent school standards.
- The inspector assessed the school's admissions and attendance registers and scrutinised information provided by the school about pupils' destinations when they leave. The school has an electronic admissions register, which is available in hard-copy format.
- The admissions register includes an alphabetical index list of all pupils: their name, address, gender and emergency contact details. The admission start date is included, along with the details of any pupil who leaves the school. A record is held of the destinations of all pupils who leave the school.
- At the time of the inspection, it was confirmed that 353 pupils were on roll. The latest admissions were of three pupils on 18 April 2016. No admissions have been recorded since.
- Attendance registers are kept and maintained. They use the required absence codes and appropriate information is included. Staff check the attendance registers and monitor pupils' absence. Attendance registers are printed and completed in written format.

- The school's admissions and attendance information is maintained in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. Therefore, Part 3, paragraph 15 of the independent school standards is met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

John Lambern, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

Information about this school

- Beis Aharon is an independent orthodox Jewish boys' day school, located in north London. It is owned by the Beis Aharon Trust.
- The school is registered for pupils aged from three to 13 years of age. There are currently 353 pupils on roll, including children who attend the early years provision on a full-time basis. The early years provision is not on the same site as the main school and has a different address.
- Most of the pupils belong to the local orthodox Jewish community and speak Yiddish as their first language. They attend school for six days a week, from Sunday to Friday. The majority of the school day is taken up by Jewish religious studies, which are taught in Yiddish.
- At the time of the last progress monitoring inspection in January 2016, a number of independent school standards were unmet: Part 1, Quality of education provided; Part 2, Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils; Part 3, Welfare, health and safety of pupils; Part 4, Suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors; and Part 8 Quality of leadership and management.
- The proportion of pupils with special educational needs or disability is below average.
- The school opened in 1981 and moved into its current premises in 2009. Its last standard inspection was on 18–20 November 2014.

School details

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Type of school	Jewish orthodox
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	3–13
Gender of pupils	Boys
Number of pupils on the school roll	353
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	Beis Aharon Trust Ltd
Chair	Mr J Lipschitz
Principal	Rabbi Twerski
Date of previous school inspection	14 January 2016
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,860
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