

Talmud Torah Chaim Meirim Wiznitz School

26 Lampard Grove, London N16 6XB

Inspection date 6 July 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.
- The school's last full inspection was in June 2014, when a large number of independent school standards were not met. A progress monitoring inspection, carried out in March 2015, found that many of these independent school standards continued to be unmet. A second progress monitoring inspection was conducted in December 2015 and found that a few requirements were not met.
- The Department for Education wrote to the school on 13 June 2016 to confirm that the action plan it had submitted in March 2016 had not been approved.
- This third progress monitoring inspection was carried out without notice.
- The inspection focused on the school's progress in those parts of the action plan relating to Parts 3, 5, 6 and 8 of the independent school standards.
- At the time of the inspection, the headmaster and the compliance officer were absent from the school. The inspector held meetings with the acting headmaster and the head of Kodesh, observed learning and inspected the changing and showering facilities. In addition, he scrutinised a wide range of documentation and spoke with pupils and staff throughout the inspection.

Main findings

Welfare, health and safety of pupils

- The previous inspection in December 2015, found that not all staff had received training in the prevention of radicalisation and extremism. In its action plan, the school stated that all staff would be trained in the 'Prevent' duty. As a result of implementing its action plan, all staff have been trained in the prevention of radicalisation and extremism. As a result, the requirements for this standard are met.
- At the time of the previous inspection, pupils were unaware of aspects of prejudice-based bullying. Also, record-keeping of such incidents was not rigorous enough. In its action plan, the school stated that weekly assemblies would take place to raise pupils' awareness of how to stay safe and to explore the different types of bullying, including cyber bullying and prejudice-based bullying. In addition, leaders stated that procedures were now in place for the recording and monitoring of all bullying incidents. As a result

of implementing its action plan, the school's anti-bullying and harassment policy was revised in January 2016. It sets out clearly the school's expectations, stating that 'we all have the right to learn in a safe and supportive environment, that is free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence.' In addition, assemblies have taken place and have covered such themes as 'Bullying' and 'Health and safety'. Pupils spoke positively about these assemblies and were able to discuss confidently different types of bullying, including cyber and prejudice-based forms of bullying. The requirements for this standard are met.

- The inspection in December 2015 highlighted that the admission register did not contain all the required details. In its action plan, the school indicated that it would ensure that the admission register would include dates and destinations of pupils when they join and leave the school. This has been done and the admission register meets the requirements for this standard. It is kept electronically and is regularly updated by the compliance officer.
- The school now meets all the requirements for this part of the independent school standards.

Premises of and accommodation at schools

- At the time of the previous inspection, the school had not ensured that suitable changing and showering facilities were provided for pupils aged 11 and over. Inspection of the new changing and showering facilities confirmed that this aspect has been rectified and meets the requirements for this standard.
- The school now meets all the requirements for this standard.

Provision of information

- At the time of the previous inspection, the school did not provide parents with reports on pupils' progress in all areas of learning. Reports on pupils' academic progress are sent home to parents twice a year. Each parent is required to sign to say they have received the report for the secular subjects. The school meets the requirements for this part of the standard. Leaders have ensured that all the required policies, including the safeguarding and child protection policy, are available from the school office upon request.
- The school now meets all the requirements for this standard.

Quality of leadership in and management of schools

- Leaders and proprietors have ensured that all aspects relating to the standards concerning pupils' welfare, health and safety, the premises, the provision of information and the promotion of pupils' well-being are now met. As a result, all the independent school standards are now met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

Inspection team

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Ofsted Inspector

Information about this school

- Talmud Torah Chaim Meirim Wiznitz School is situated in the Stoke Newington area of north London.
- The school was established in 1979 by CMA Trust, which owns the school. It serves a strictly Orthodox Jewish community.
- The school relies on voluntary contributions rather than charging a fixed fee.
- There are currently 259 boys on roll who are between the ages of five and 13 years.
- One pupil has a statement of special educational needs and receives support from a specialist support centre, Binoh.
- The majority of pupils speak English as an additional language.

School details

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Type of school	Orthodox Jewish school for boys
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	5–13
Gender of pupils	Boys
Number of pupils on the school roll	259
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	CMA Trust
Chair	E. Gottesfield
Headteacher	Rabbi Samuel Hoffman
Date of previous school inspection	15 December 2015
Annual fees (day pupils)	Voluntary contributions
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