

# Islamiyah School

Willow Street, Little Harwood, Blackburn, Lancashire BB1 5NQ

## Inspection dates

26 April 2016

## Overall outcome

**Unmet independent school standards identified**

## Reason for the inspection

- The Department for Education commissioned Ofsted to undertake an emergency inspection to examine the school's compliance with the independent school regulations in relation to responses to the point-in-time survey.
- The inspector held discussions with the headteacher and pupils. She examined documents and records including the school prospectus; safeguarding policy; safeguarding and first aid training certificates; behaviour policy; anti-bullying policy; record of sanctions; health and safety plan; and risk assessments.
- This inspection was conducted with no notice to the school.

## Main findings

- All the required policies for the welfare, health and safety of pupils are in place.
- Risk assessments are undertaken on a regular basis across all areas. Action plans clearly outline work to be done.
- Leaders and managers have not always taken action in a timely manner to address issues identified on the risk assessment action plan. This applies to some minor maintenance work and refurbishment. This does not impact on pupils' safety.
- Pupils spoke of their concern when the behaviour of some pupils is not as good as it should be. They feel that this is not addressed by all teachers and distracts them from learning.
- The headteacher is aware that changes to the teaching team have led to some inconsistency in managing behaviour. Plans to address this are in place.
- Pupils say that they enjoy school. They recognise that at times some 'shy and quiet' pupils may find it more difficult to establish friendship groups and are sensitive to this.
- Pupils take on roles and responsibilities within the school. All age groups are represented on the school council and some act as school prefects.
- As the school does not meet all the requirements for independent schools, the standards for leadership and management are not met.

## Compliance with regulatory requirements

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

- Ensure that the behaviour policy is implemented effectively so that low-level disruption in lessons is consistently addressed across the school (paragraph 9, 9(b)).
- Ensure that risk assessments are implemented effectively (paragraph 16, 16(a)).
- Take action in a timely manner to reduce risks that are identified (paragraph 16(b)).
- Ensure that leaders and managers demonstrate good skills and knowledge and fulfil

their responsibilities effectively so that the independent school standards are met consistently and the well-being of pupils is actively promoted (paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c)).

## Inspection team

Kath Gethin, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

## Information about this school

- Islamiyah School is an independent Muslim day school for girls aged between 11 and 16 years. The school is non-selective. It is located in the Little Harwood district of Blackburn.
- The school opened in September 2000 and there are currently 261 pupils on roll.
- None of the pupils on roll has a statement of special educational needs.
- All pupils are British and mostly of South Asian origin. All pupils speak English as a first language.
- The school offers both secondary secular as well as Islamic education.
- The school aims 'to provide excellence in education, in a caring, friendly environment. Each individual is nurtured and shaped by the values of the Islamic Faith, is given an opportunity to achieve her full potential and to develop a passion for life and learning'.
- The school was previously inspected in 2014.

## 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.

<b>Type of school</b>	Muslim secondary school
<b>School status</b>	Independent school
<b>Age range of pupils</b>	11–16
<b>Gender of pupils</b>	Girls
<b>Number of pupils on the school roll</b>	261
<b>Proprietor</b>	Masjid-E-Sajedeen Islamiyah
<b>Chair</b>	Yunus Ravat
<b>Headteacher</b>	Yusuf Seedat
<b>Date of previous school inspection</b>	18–20 November 2014
<b>Annual fees (day pupils)</b>	£1,350
<b>Telephone number</b>	01254 661259
<b>Fax number</b>	Not applicable
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