

Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain, London Welsh School

Hanwell Community Centre, Westcott Crescent, Hanwell, London W7 1PD

Inspection Dates

8 June 2017

Overall outcome

The school meets all of the independent school standards that were checked during this inspection

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 7, 7(a) and 7(b)

- The school's comprehensive and effective safeguarding policy reflects the Secretary of State's latest guidance, 'Keeping children safe in education' (September 2016), and 'Working together to safeguard children' (March 2015). It is published on the school's website together with all the required policies.
- The proprietor and leaders have created a strong safeguarding ethos in the school. They take safeguarding very seriously and engage well with parents and outside agencies to help keep pupils safe. All staff, governors and volunteers have completed the required safeguarding training, including in the 'Prevent' duty and what to do if they suspect a case of female genital mutilation.
- The requirements for this paragraph are met.

Paragraphs 11, 12 and 14

- The headteacher and governors have ensured that the school's health and safety policy is effectively implemented. The school site, which includes three large teaching spaces, an office and an outdoor recreation area, are safe, secure and well maintained.
- Leaders have ensured that the school complies with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. All checks, including of the fire alarm system, fire safety equipment and emergency lighting are completed in accordance with legislation; any issues identified are always rectified quickly. Fire exits are clearly signposted so that pupils can exit the building quickly and safely, and the most recent fire drill with pupils was conducted in March 2017.
- Staffing levels are appropriate, and their effective deployment ensures that pupils are properly supervised.
- The requirements for these paragraphs are met.

Paragraph 16 and 16(a)

- At the last inspection in December 2016, leaders did not have all the necessary risk assessments in place to ensure that pupils were kept safe all the time, particularly when being escorted to the toilet facilities in the adjacent corridor to the school.
- The action plan states that the risk assessment policy has been revised. Staff training has taken place to ensure that risks are identified and resolved effectively to help keep pupils safe. Through an annual cycle of review, governors and trustees now monitor all health and safety issues regularly. They have commissioned internal and external health and safety risks audits, including a toilet risk assessment.
- The revised and suitable risk assessment policy is published on the school's website. Many effective staff training events have taken place to ensure that all staff are aware of the strengthened procedures. The administrator has attended a manual handling health and safety course and has led staff briefings on health and safety issues.
- The requirements for this paragraph are now met.
- The school meets the requirements relevant to the material change for this part.

Part 4. Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors

All paragraphs

- All the required background checks on staff, governors and volunteers have been carried out. They are recorded in a single central record of recruitment checks, which meets requirements.
- The requirements for all paragraphs in this part are met.
- The school meets the requirements relevant to the material change for this part.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The school's Grade II listed premises are safe, secure, stimulating and well maintained. The health, safety and welfare of pupils are assured through the effective implementation of the school's health and safety policy and procedures.
- At the last inspection in December 2016, the inspection found that the school did not have suitable accommodation to cater for those pupils with medical needs or for pupils feeling unwell. The action plan stated that this has been rectified.
- The school now has a suitable medical room which has access to a washing facility, and includes a bed and appropriate first aid equipment, with toilet facilities nearby.
- The three large teaching spaces can each comfortably accommodate 14 pupils and two staff.
- The school has an appropriate number of toilets and washing facilities for the sole use of pupils. Staff have their own separate toilets, located on the ground floor.
- The acoustic conditions and sound insulation are suitable throughout the building.
- The suitable internal and external lighting meets requirements.
- Drinking water is available throughout the school day from three drinking fountains

located outside each teaching space. Suitable hot and cold-water supplies have been installed. The temperature of these supplies is safely regulated.

- Physical education and outdoor recreational time is made available to all pupils using the school's own outdoor play area and off-site at the local park, which is appropriately risk assessed.
- The requirements for all paragraphs are now met.
- The school meets the requirements relevant to the material change for this part.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraph 32(1) and 32(1)(c)

- The school's website meets statutory requirements.
- The requirements for this paragraph continue to be met.
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Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a) and 34(1)(b)

- The headteacher and governors have made good progress towards meeting the unmet independent school standards.
- Leaders and governors have demonstrated that they have the necessary skills and knowledge and good understanding of their roles and responsibilities. They have successfully addressed the issues relating to pupils' welfare, health and safety, highlighted at the last inspection in December 2016. They have ensured that all the independent school standards are met.
- The requirements for this paragraph are now met.
- The school meets all the requirements for this part.
- The inspector was asked to consider the school's proposal to increase the number of pupils on roll from 30 to 40. The building has the capacity to accommodate such an expansion. Current staffing levels and classroom resources would also support such an expansion. As a result, this inspection recommends the proposed rise in the number of pupils on roll from 30 to 40.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that were checked during this inspection. This included the standards and requirements that the school was judged to not comply with at the previous inspection. Not all the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

The school now meets the following independent school standards

- Ensure that the welfare of pupils at the school is safeguarded and promoted by drawing up and effectively implementing a written risk assessment policy (paragraph 16, 16(a)).
- Ensure that suitable accommodation is provided in order to cater for the medical and therapy needs of pupils, including accommodation for the short-term care of sick and injured pupils, which includes a washing facility and is near to a toilet facility (paragraph 24(1), 24(1)(b)).
- Ensure that the persons with leadership and management responsibilities demonstrate good skills and knowledge relevant to their role, and fulfil these responsibilities effectively and actively promote the well-being of pupils so that the independent school standards are met consistently (paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a) and 34(1)(b)).

School Details

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This inspection was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's suitability for continued registration as an independent school.

Type of school	Other independent school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	3 to 11
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	24
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	The Welsh School Trust
Chair	Margaret Tudor Jones
Headteacher	Rachel Rawlins
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,898
Telephone number	020 8575 0237
Website	www.ysgolgybraegllundain.co.uk
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Date of previous standard inspection	29 November–1 December 2016

Information about this school

- Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain, London Welsh School, was established in 1958. It moved to its present location at Hanwell Community Centre in Ealing in September 2015 from its previous location at Stonebridge Primary School in Brent.
- It is a non-selective, co-educational, independent day school for boys and girls between the ages of three and 11. The school is registered to admit a maximum of 30 pupils.
- The school consists of two mixed-aged classes. In class one, there are children from the early years to the end of key stage 1, while class two caters for pupils in key stage 2. Pupils are taught in both Welsh and English.
- The school is run by a board of directors on behalf of The Welsh Schools Trust and aims

to provide 'bilingual Welsh education outside of Wales'.

- The school has very few pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. Currently, there are very few disadvantaged pupils or pupils who have an education, health and care plan.
- A new headteacher and a new key stage 2 leader were appointed in September 2016.
- At the time of the last standard inspection in December 2016, the school's overall effectiveness was judged to require improvement. This is the first progress monitoring inspection to check whether the school meets all the independent school standards.
- There were 18 responses to the Ofsted online survey (Parent View).
- The school's website meets the requirements of the independent school standards.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was carried out at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. The purpose of the inspection was to monitor the progress the school has made in meeting the independent school standards and other requirements that it was judged to not comply with at its previous inspection.
- The inspection was carried out without notice.
- This first progress monitoring inspection focused on the school's progress in meeting particular requirements in Parts 3 and 8 of the independent school standards. The school submitted an action plan which was evaluated in May 2017 and was 'approved with modifications'.
- The inspector was also asked to consider the school's proposed increase in the number of pupils on roll from 30 to 40.
- The inspector held discussions with the headteacher, administrator and staff. He observed learning in two classes and scrutinised a range of documentation related to the independent school standards, including the single central record of recruitment checks. The inspector also reviewed key documents and policies, including those related to safeguarding and child protection.

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