

# Islamia Girls' High School

23 March 2017

2 Highfields Road, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD1 5NG

## Overall outcome

**The school does not meet the independent school standards relevant to the material change. The material change has already been implemented**

## Main inspection findings

### Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

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

- Leaders and managers have ensured that the safeguarding policy follows recent government guidelines and staff have the relevant up-to-date training. Although the school does not have a website, the policy is available to parents on request. Therefore, paragraphs 32(1) and 32(1)(c) of the standards for independent schools are met.
- Although school leaders have made amendments to the single central register during the inspection it does not meet requirements and information contained within it is not always accurate. Staff responsible for safer recruitment have not ensured that appropriate references, prohibition from teaching checks and medical checks have been made.
- Therefore these standards are not met.

#### Paragraph 11

- School leaders have a written health and safety policy. Aspects of the policy are implemented effectively, for example a member of staff has been trained as a fire warden. Leaders have also ensured that evacuations take place on a regular basis and checks are made on lighting and fire alarm detection equipment.
- However, no fire risk assessments have been completed recently and fire extinguishers are not checked or placed around the school.
- Therefore this standard has not been met.

#### Paragraph 12

- Senior leaders have incorporated fire safety aspects into the health and safety policy.
- A lack of fire risk assessment and fire extinguishers means that this standard is not met.

#### Paragraph 16, 16(a), 16(b)

- School leaders have not ensured that the risk assessment policy is implemented effectively with appropriate risk assessments and safe storage of cleaning chemicals.
- This standard is not met.

### Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

#### Paragraph 23(1), 23(1)(a), 23(1)(c)

- Senior leaders and manager have ensured that the premises have adequate washing and toilet facilities. However, there are no shower and changing facilities.
- This standard is not met.

Paragraph 24(1), 24(1)(a), 24(1)(b), 25

- The proprietor has not ensured that a medical room is available for the medical treatment of pupils. The accommodation does not ensure the health, safety and welfare of pupils due to a lack of fire risk assessments and fire extinguishers.
- These standards are not met.

Paragraph 26, 27, 27(a), 27(b)

- The proprietor has ensured that rooms are light and of good size and are adequately decorated.
- This standard is met.

Paragraph 28(1), 28(1)(a), 28(1)(b), 28(1)(c), 28(1)(d)

- The proprietor has ensured that there is an appropriate water supply available.
- This standard is met.

Paragraph 29(1), 29(1)(a), 29(1)(b)

- Pupils do not have outside space for play and physical education within the school perimeter, however they use the facilities of a local public open green space. They have a large room inside for play and physical education.
- This standard has been met.

## Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- The proprietor has not ensured that those responsible for meeting the independent school standards have the knowledge and skills to do so and that the well-being of pupils is actively promoted.
- These standards are not met.

## Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school does not meet the requirements of the schedule to The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that are relevant to the material change.

### The school does not meet the following independent school standards

- Part 3. Welfare, health, and safety of pupils. Paragraphs 7, 7(a) and 7(b), 11, 12, 16, 16(a) and 16(b).
  - The proprietor has not ensured that arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school and that arrangements have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
  - The proprietor has not ensured that the health and safety policy and the risk assessment policy have been implemented effectively. The school is also not compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools. Paragraphs 23(1), 23(1)(a), 23(1)(c), 24(1), 24(1)(a), 24(1)(b), 25.
  - The proprietor has not ensured that suitable shower and changing facilities and accommodation for the medical and short term care of sick and injured pupils are available.
- Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools. Paragraphs 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c).
  - The proprietor has not ensured that those with leadership and management responsibilities demonstrate good skills and knowledge so that the independent school standards are met consistently and that the well-being of pupils is actively promoted.

## School details

Unique reference number	107793
DfE registration number	382/6016
Inspection number	10031461

This inspection was carried out under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's likely compliance/compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Independent
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Al-Amal Education Ltd
Chair	Mr Jebar Ahmed
Headteacher	Mrs Samira El-Turabi
Annual fees (day pupils)	£1250
Telephone number	01484 539176
Website	none
Email address	<a href="http://islamiagirlshigh.co.uk">islamiagirlshigh.co.uk</a>
Date of previous standard inspection	27 April 2016

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	11-16	11-16	11-16
Number of pupils on the school roll	16	17	17

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Girls	Girls
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	16	17
Number of part-time pupils	0	0

Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	0	0
Of which, number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	0	0
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	0	0

## Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	4	4
Number of part-time teaching staff	6	6
Number of staff in the welfare provision	0	0

## Information about this school

- Islamia girls High School accepts Muslim girls between the ages of 11 and 16 years. It is currently registered for 27 pupils and has 16 pupils on roll.
- The school has undergone severe disruption with regards to appropriate premises since the last inspection. For a short period, October to December 2016 the school was situated in 66 New North Road prior to moving into their current premises, at Highfields Road in January 2017.
- The school was previously inspected in April 2016 when, following a full standard inspection, it was judged to be inadequate.
- The school does not use any alternative provision or operate on any other sites.

## Information about this inspection

- This inspection took place over one day, with no notice and was unannounced.
- This material change inspection was commissioned by the DfE to consider a change to the registered school address and lowering pupil numbers. The school is already located at the new address and has already lowered their pupil numbers.
- A progress monitoring inspection was also carried out on the same day. The DfE commissioned Ofsted to consider issues raised as a result of two complaints received. A separate report has been issued to consider these aspects.
- The inspector was informed during the inspection that there had been a change of proprietor, to the Huddersfield Education Trust since the last inspection and that the Department for Education had been informed. However, subsequent to the inspection the headteacher informed the inspector that the proprietor is Al-Amal Education Ltd.
- The inspector spoke to most pupils during the inspection and several members of teaching staff. Meetings were also held with the headteacher and the chair of governors during the day.
- The inspector spoke to a parent during the day. However, not enough responses to Parent View were available for this source to be taken into account.
- The inspector toured the building several times during the day.
- Documentation regarding safeguarding and other health and safety aspects in order to meet the independent school standards was studied.

## Inspection team

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