

Etz Chaim Boys School

89 Middleton Road, Crumpsall, Manchester, Lancashire M8 4JY

Inspection dates

30 November 2017

Overall outcome

The school meets 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

- Leaders have reviewed the safeguarding policy to ensure that it reflects the changes in contact details and local protocols since changing local authorities. The policy is made available to all parents and carers and reflects current legislation and guidelines.

Paragraph 11

- A suitable health and safety policy is in place and has been amended since moving into the new premises. The policy complies with the relevant legislation.

Paragraph 12

- The proprietor secured a full fire safety assessment before moving into the new premises. All the recommendations identified have been addressed. The school has been deemed by the relevant professionals as being compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Paragraph 16

- There is an appropriate risk assessment policy in place. The risk assessments available demonstrate that leaders take action to reduce any risks identified.
- All the independent school standards in this part are met.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 23, 23(1), 23(1)(a), 23(1)(b), 23(1)(c), 23(2)

- The toilets and washing facilities are clean and in plentiful supply. Toilets are for the exclusive use of pupils. There is also a toilet that is suitable for disabled use.
- Sufficient shower and changing facilities are available for the pupils to use.

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

- A medical room is situated near the main office. It includes washing facilities and is next to a toilet.

Paragraph 25

- The proprietor and leaders have taken action to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the pupils are maintained. Leaders are aware that the building needs a good clean and that the remnants of any building work need to be removed.

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

- The classrooms are bright and airy. The quality of lighting and acoustics is good.

Paragraph 28(1), 28(1)(a), 28(1)(b), 28(1)(c), 28(1)(d), 28(2), 28(2)(a), 28(2)(b)

- Drinking water is readily available for pupils. There are a number of water fountains around the school building. Drinking water is clearly marked and is situated away from the toilet facilities.

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

- The outdoor space allows for pupils to relax and exercise at breaktimes and to engage in purposeful physical education. The outdoor space also allows for muster points as part of the fire evacuation procedures.
- All the independent school standards in this part are met.

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 are relevant to the material change.

School details

Unique reference number	131015
DfE registration number	352/6053
Inspection number	10043666

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 compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Other independent school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Rabbi M Halpern
Headteacher	Rabbi Eli Cohen
Annual fees (day pupils)	Voluntary contributions
Telephone number	01617 400300
Email address	manager@ec-school.org.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	12–14 September 2017

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	11 to 16	11 to 16	11 to 16
Number of pupils on the school roll	180	250	200

Her Majesty's Inspector recommends that no more than 200 pupils be on the school roll. This is because the premises are suitable for this number and the outdoor space can safely accommodate this number. Any increase in the number on roll would pose health and safety risks to the pupils.

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Boys	Boys
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	180	250
Number of part-time pupils	None	None
Number of pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities	20	20
Of which, number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	5	5
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	5	5

Information about this school

- Etz Chaim School was established in 1993 in North Manchester as an Orthodox Jewish secondary day school for boys, serving a particular strand of the local Jewish religious community.
- The school moved into its new premises, a large former convent, on 21 November 2017. This was before the material change inspection had taken place.
- There are currently 180 pupils on roll, aged 11 to 16 years, all of whom speak English and are of White British heritage. The school admits pupils of differing abilities, including those who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities. A small number have a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care (EHC) plan.
- The school has submitted a request to the Department for Education (DfE) to increase the number of pupils that can be accommodated at the school from 150 to 250.
- The school's last full inspection was in September 2017. The DfE requested a focus during this material change inspection on Part 3 of the independent school standards, paragraphs 11, 12 and 16, and all of Part 5.

Information about this inspection

- The inspector toured the school site accompanied by senior leaders.
- The inspector reviewed a range of documentation relating to health and safety, fire safety and safeguarding.
- The inspector had discussions with leaders.

Inspection team

Jonathan Jones, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

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