

Islamia Girls' High School

2 Highfields Road, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD1 5NG

Inspection dates

24 January 2018

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)

- Since the school's material change inspection, in March 2017, staff responsible for safer recruitment have ensured that appropriate references and medical checks have been made when employing staff.
- Although school leaders have made amendments to the single central register during the inspection it does not meet requirements, as the prohibition from teaching checks have not been completed.
- These standards are not met.

Paragraph 11 and Paragraph 12

- School leaders have a written health and safety policy that incorporates fire safety. Leaders have ensured that fire evacuations take place on a regular basis. The proprietor has ensured that checks are made on lighting, fire alarm detection equipment and fire extinguishers, which are now placed around the school. Since the last material change inspection, leaders have arranged a fire risk assessment by an appropriate external organisation to ensure compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The proprietor has organised actions to address the areas for improvement identified in the fire risk assessment report. A further fire risk assessment is planned for February 2018 to check that all actions have been implemented successfully.
- These standards have been met.

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

- School leaders have ensured that the risk assessment policy is implemented effectively with appropriate risk assessments. This includes appropriate arrangements for safe storage of cleaning chemicals, which were not in place at the previous material change inspection.
- These standards are met.

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

Paragraph 18(2), 18(2)(b), 21(3), 21(3)(a), 21(3)(a)(ii), 23(a)(iii) and 21(3)(b)

- At the time of this inspection, the proprietor had not ensured the completion of prohibition from teaching checks.
- Therefore, standards 18(2), 18(2)(b), 21(3), 21(3)(a) and 21(3)(b) are not met.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

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

- At the previous material change inspection, senior leaders and the proprietor had ensured that the premises had adequate washing and toilet facilities. Since that inspection, they have ensured that there are also suitable shower and changing facilities in place.
- These standards are met.

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

- The proprietor has ensured that a medical room is available for the medical treatment of pupils. This room includes a washing facility and is near to a toilet.
- These standards are met.

Paragraph 25

- The proprietor has taken steps, including the organisation of fire risk assessments, placing fire extinguishers around school and the safe storage of cleaning chemicals, to ensure that so as far as it is reasonably practical, the health and safety of pupils is ensured.
- This standard is met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- The prohibition from teaching checks have not been completed. Therefore, 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, as set out in the annex of this report.

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)
 - 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.
- Part 4 Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors. Paragraphs 18(2), 18(2)(b), 21(3), 21(3)(a), 21(3)(a)(ii), 23(a)(iii) and 21(3)(b)
 - The proprietor has not ensured that prohibition from teaching checks have been completed and then recorded in the single central record.
- 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 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.

School details

Unique reference number	107793
DfE registration number	382/6016
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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	Independent
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Huddersfield Education Trust
Chair	Mr Jebar Ahmed
Headteacher	Mrs Samira El-Turabi
Annual fees (day pupils)	£1,250
Telephone number	01484 539 176
Website	www.islamiagirlshighschool.com
Email address	islamiagirlshigh@hotmail.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	27–29 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	13	27	27

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Girls	Girls
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	13	27
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	7	7
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.
- The school is currently registered for 27 pupils and has 13 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 its current premises, at Highfields Road, in January 2017.

- Since the full inspection in April 2016, the proprietor has changed to Huddersfield Education Trust. The chair of the governing body has also changed to Mr Jebar Ahmed.
- 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 second material change inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education (DfE) to consider a change to the registered school address and lowering pupil numbers. The school is already at the new address and subsequently the proprietor has requested that the proposed pupil numbers remain at 27 pupils.
- A progress monitoring inspection was carried out on the same day. The DfE commissioned Ofsted to consider issues raised as a result of a complaint received. A separate report has been issued to consider these aspects.
- The inspector spoke to all of the pupils during the inspection and several members of the teaching staff.
- Meetings were held with the headteacher and deputy headteacher throughout the day. The inspector met with the chair of the governing body at the end of the day.
- The inspector toured the building several times during the day alongside members of staff.
- Documentation regarding safeguarding and other health and safety aspects required to meet the independent school standards was studied.

Inspection team

Michael Reeves, lead inspector	Her Majesty's Inspector
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