

Emmanuel Christian School

The Grounds of Braunstone, Evangelical Free Church, Didsbury Street, Braunstone, Leicester LE3 1QP

Inspection dates

5 December 2017

Overall outcome

The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material change relating to the school provision is implemented

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7, 7(a) and 7(b)

- The school's safeguarding policy has regard to the latest government guidance, including 'Keeping safe in education', September 2016.
- The safeguarding policy provides appropriate guidance for staff about the variety of risks to which pupils may be exposed, including online grooming, child sexual exploitation and radicalisation. It sets out clear procedures for managing disclosures and concerns, and the recording and confidentiality of safeguarding activities.
- The policy includes an appropriate summary of the roles of governors, the designated safeguarding lead and all staff. The policy provides for appropriate training in child protection within the induction arrangements for all staff and regular update training.
- The policy includes contact details for external services, including the designated officer and social services. It is cross-referenced appropriately to other related policies, including staff recruitment.

Paragraphs 9, 9(a) to 9(c); 10, 13, 14

- The governing body and senior leaders regularly review the school's policies for managing behaviour and related sanctions, the prevention of bullying, the administration of first aid and the supervision of pupils.
- All staff receive training in the consistent application of policies. Specialist training is also provided for those leading on the implementation of policies, including first aid. School records demonstrate that these policies are managed appropriately and supported by effective record-keeping.
- The school employs sufficient staff, supported well by volunteers, to make sure that pupils are properly supervised in all areas of the school throughout the school day.

Paragraphs 11, 12, 15, 16, 16(a) and (b)

- Senior leaders have prepared policies and implemented suitable arrangements for all aspects of health and safety, including risk assessment. Appropriate risk assessments are in place, for example related to the premises, fire safety and off-site visits.
- Designated members of staff make sure that the premises are safe and that risks are assessed and addressed in all aspects of the school's work. Suitable admission and attendance registers are maintained.
- Designated members of staff ensure that the required checks on fire safety are completed, including regular internal checks and maintenance visits by external contractors.
- The standards in Part 3 are likely to continue to be met if the Department for Education (DfE) approves implementation of the material change.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

- The proposed increase in pupil numbers does not require any alteration or additions to the school premises and accommodation. There is sufficient capacity within existing teaching groups and teaching spaces to accommodate additional pupils, distributed appropriately across year groups.

Paragraphs 23(1), 23(1)(a) to (c); 24(1), 24(1)(a) and (b), 24(2)

- There are sufficient toilet facilities to provide for existing pupils and the proposed increase in pupil numbers. There are separate toilets for girls, boys and staff. The toilets for children under eight years of age are directly accessible adjacent to the teaching spaces used by these children. Additional toilets are accessible from any of the teaching spaces used by pupils over the age of eight years.
- The school's existing facilities for medical examination meet the requirements of the independent school standards. These facilities are also suitable for the short-term care of any sick and injured children. The existing facilities are sufficient to cater appropriately for the proposed increase in pupil numbers.
- At the time of the previous inspection of the school, there were no showers available for pupils aged 11 years and over. The school has now installed separate showers for use by boys and girls in this age range.

Paragraphs 25, 26, 27, 27(a) and (b)

- The existing school premises consist of teaching spaces within the main school building. Additional teaching space is provided in a portacabin in the school grounds. The portacabin, present when the school was previously inspected, has been replaced with a modern facility. Planning permission has been received for the replacement.
- This new portacabin is suitable to accommodate two teaching groups, currently key stages 3 and 4. There is sufficient space within these two teaching spaces to accommodate a proportion of the proposed increase in pupil numbers.
- The proprietor is aware of the requirement to apply for an extension to the planning permission granted for the portacabin in October 2020. The proprietors have been granted planning permission for a permanent extension to the school's main building. They plan to have the foundations in place by spring 2019.

- The school premises, accommodation and facilities are maintained to a good standard.
- The acoustic conditions and lighting meet statutory requirements. These aspects of the school's premises and accommodation would not be affected by the proposed increase in pupil numbers.

Paragraphs 28(1), 28(1)(a) to (d); 28(2), 28(2)(a) and (b)

- All the standards related to the provision of hot and cold water, and drinking water are currently met. These facilities are sufficient to meet the proposed increase in pupil numbers.

Paragraphs 29(1), 29(1)(a) and (b)

- The school has adequate outdoor space for pupils to play and for physical education to be provided in accordance with the school curriculum. The current spaces are sufficient to accommodate the proposed increase in pupil numbers.
- The standards in Part 5 are likely to continue to be met if the DfE approves implementation of the material change.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraphs 32(1), 32(1)(a), (b), (d), (f), (g), and (i); 32(2), 32(2)(a), 32(2)(b) and (b)(ii) to (d); 32(3), 32(3)(a) to (g)

- The school meets the requirement to provide or make available to parents school information and contact details, policies and a copy of the most recent Ofsted inspection report.

Paragraphs 32(1)(c)

- The school's safeguarding policy is available to parents as a download from the school website.
- The standards in Part 6 are likely to continue to be met if the DfE approves implementation of the material change.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- At the time of the previous inspection, arrangements for careers education did not meet the requirements of the independent school standards. The school has now made arrangements for the provision of independent careers information, advice and guidance. The curriculum has been improved and pupils now receive detailed support and guidance as they prepare for further education or employment at the end of key stage 4. This requirement is now met.
- The proprietors have ensured that the school meets all the standards relevant to their application to increase the registered capacity of the school.
- The standards in Part 8 are likely to continue to be met if the DfE approves implementation of the material change.

Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010

- The school has produced a suitable accessibility plan for the premises. The school meets the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school is likely to 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.

School details

Unique reference number	134595
DfE registration number	856/6018
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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 likely compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Co-educational day school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Governing body
Chair	Patricia Wells
Headteacher	David Baynes
Annual fees (day pupils)	10% of family income to a maximum of £4,000
Telephone number	0116 2220792
Website	www.leicesterchristianschool.org
Email address	office@leicesterchristianschool.org
Date of previous standard inspection	30 September–2 October 2015

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	4 to 16	Not applicable	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	Capacity 50	60	60

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Mixed

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	43	Up to 60
Number of part-time pupils	0	0
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	1	1
Of which, number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	2	2
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	2	2

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	6.2	Not applicable
Number of part-time teaching staff	5.2 fte	Not applicable
Number of staff in the welfare provision	N/A	Not applicable

Information about this school

- Emmanuel Christian School is located in the premises of Braunstone Evangelical Free Church, in the west of Leicester. The school rents the main building from the church and has extended the space available by the use of a temporary classroom in the grounds.
- The school opened in 2003 and is registered to admit up to 50 pupils in the age range four to 16 years.
- The school aims to provide a Christian, God-centred education, which equips pupils well for life in modern Britain. The school welcomes pupils of different faiths to be educated at the school.

- The headteacher is the only full-time member of staff. There is a mixture of part-time staff and volunteers who undertake teaching and support roles.
- The school does not use the services of any alternative provision to contribute to the curriculum.
- The last full inspection of the school was in October 2015.

Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education commissioned this material change inspection in response to the school's request to increase its registered capacity from 50 to 60 pupils.
- The proposed increase in numbers is intended to enable the school to admit additional pupils across the full age range of the school, subject to available places at the time of parental application.
- The inspector visited all areas of the school premises and accommodation in order to assess the capacity of the school to accommodate the proposed pupil numbers.
- The inspector observed teaching and learning in key stages 2 and 4. He held discussions with the headteacher and the chair of the governing body and, informally, with pupils and additional members of staff.
- The inspector scrutinised a number of school policies, procedures and records in order to check the school's compliance with relevant independent school standards.

Inspection team

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