

Shiras Deborah

Woodside Park Road, London N12 8RZ

Inspection dates

5 September 2018

Overall outcome

The school is likely to meet all the independent school standards when it opens

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7, 7(a), 7(b), 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 16(a), 16(b) and 32(1), 32(1)(c)

- All the requirements in relation to safeguarding, as per the school's first pre-registration inspection in July 2018, are likely to be met. The school's suitable safeguarding policy, which pays regard to the latest statutory guidance ('Keeping Children Safe in Education', September 2018) will be provided to parents and staff in hard copy as the school does not intend to host a website at this time.
- The school's proposed health and safety policy and fire risk assessment are likely to be implemented well. All the requirements in relation to health and safety, including fire safety, are likely to be met.
- The school has two suitably trained first aiders and a suitable medical room facility. The appropriate first aid policy is likely to be implemented well.
- Supervision levels are likely to be acceptable.
- The school's risk assessment policy is likely to be implemented well and is supported by a suitable risk assessment of the new premises. Daily health and safety checks will be undertaken. The premises are clean, safe and secure.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are likely to be met.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The new premises are situated within Woodside Park Synagogue. The school has its own secure entrance. The premises are likely to meet all health and safety requirements.
- There are three large classrooms, offices, a large recreation space, school hall and an appropriately safe and secure outdoor play space. The building can comfortably accommodate up to 40 pupils. Toilet facilities for both staff and pupils are suitable.

- There is a medical room facility which is likely to meet all requirements as it is appropriately stocked with medical supplies, includes a washing facility and is near to a pupil toilet facility.
- There are no changing room or shower facilities. However, leaders have made suitable arrangements to attend local leisure facilities for physical education.
- All the requirements related to internal and external lighting, water supplies and acoustics are likely to be met.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are likely to be met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- Leaders have diligently planned to make use of their new premises, which are likely to meet all of the requirements.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are likely to be met if Shiras Devorah is registered as an independent school.

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.

Proposed school details

Unique reference number	145946
DfE registration number	Not applicable
Inspection number	10077499

This inspection was carried out under section 99 of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards that are required for registration as an independent school.

Type of school	Jewish day school for girls
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Anthony Adler
Headteacher	Miriam Reich
Annual fees (day pupils)	Up to £6,000, if families can afford it
Telephone number	020 8381 4513
Website	None
Email address	reich@ic24.net

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	Not applicable	11 to 12	11 to 12
Number of pupils on the school roll	Not applicable	40	40

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Not applicable	Girls
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	Not applicable	Up to 40
Number of part-time pupils	Not applicable	None
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	Not applicable	Up to 40
Of which, number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	Not applicable	None
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	Not applicable	None

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	Not applicable	None
Number of part-time teaching staff	Not applicable	15
Number of staff in the welfare provision	Not applicable	None

Information about this proposed school

- The school will be known as Shiras Devorah, an independent day school for girls of Jewish faith, aged from 11 to 12 years.
- The school intends to provide full-time education for up to 20 girls from September 2018.
- The proposed school will serve the Jewish Orthodox community of north-west London in the Borough of Barnet.
- The majority of pupils attending the new school will transfer from the proprietor's feeder primary school for girls, Beis Soroh Schneirer.
- Leaders do not anticipate that any pupils will have a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan.
- The proposed school does not plan to make use of alternative provision for pupils.
- The proposed school does not have a website. Leaders intend that policies will be available from the school office.
- A pre-registration inspection conducted by Ofsted on 11 July 2018 judged all the independent school standards as likely to be met. Since this time, the school's proposed premises have changed, hence this second pre-registration inspection.
- The school's original application was to register for up to 20 pupils. However, leaders asked the inspector to consider a capacity of 40 pupils as the new premises are larger than those originally considered.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was conducted at the request of the registration authority to check whether the school is likely to meet the independent school standards if it is registered as a school. A first pre-registration inspection conducted by Ofsted on 11 July 2018 judged all the independent school standards as likely to be met. Since this time, the school's proposed premises have changed. As a result, the registration authority commissioned Ofsted to visit the new premises to consider the likelihood of the relevant standards being met in Parts 3, 5 and 8.
- The inspector toured the school's proposed accommodation and outdoor space with the headteacher and the proprietor. He also reviewed information in relation to health and safety, fire safety and risk assessment.

Inspection team

James Waite, lead inspector

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