

Talmud Torah Yetev Lev

393–395 Bury New Road, Salford, Lancashire M7 2BT

Inspection dates

10 October 2018

Overall outcome

The school does not meet all of the independent school standards that were checked during this inspection

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 7, 7(a), 7(b)

- The school has a detailed policy about safeguarding pupils. The information in the policy is comprehensive and pays due regard to the most up-to-date guidance from the Secretary of State. The safeguarding policy contains clear information about important issues such as peer-on-peer abuse. It also has the contact details for the designated and deputy designated safeguarding leaders and the local authority's safeguarding officer.
- The safeguarding policy contains clear links to additional information contained within other policies, such as those on whistleblowing, the 'Prevent' duty and the use of mobile phones and cameras.
- Leaders ensure that practices in school closely adhere to the school's safeguarding policy and that staff and leaders are suitably trained. Staff know how to recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse. They are clear what to do if they have any concerns. Leaders ensure that high-quality, detailed records of any safeguarding concerns are kept. Referrals are made in a timely manner and any concerns are followed up effectively with appropriate authorities.
- Leaders swiftly report any concerns regarding the conduct of adults working with children to the appropriate authorities. Leaders liaise with other agencies and follow the advice given.
- Leaders use the comprehensive coverage provided by the closed-circuit television system (CCTV) to aid their monitoring of pupils' well-being and safety. Leaders ensure that the school meets current data protection regulations regarding the use and storage of video images.
- Pupils say that they feel safe in the school.
- Leaders' arrangements to safeguard pupils are effective. Consequently, this standard is met.

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

- Appropriate risk assessments have been completed. Leaders use appropriate expert contractors to support their risk assessments.
- A risk assessment of the school's premises was undertaken by a specialist contractor in March 2018. A number of risks of varying priority were identified. However, leaders have not acted on all the required actions to remove risks.
- A site meeting from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service has been scheduled. A visit will take place in October 2018 to check compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- The school does not meet the standards in this part.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 25

- The school building is not in a suitable state for the welfare and safety of pupils. The actions identified in the risk assessment, including those relating to fire safety, have not been completed within the required time frame. For example, there are still some holes in ceilings and walls, which may more easily allow the ingress of smoke throughout buildings. In addition, door closures are missing from some fire doors and some ceiling tiles in certain classrooms are missing. One classroom had a broken electrical switch and the lighting for a staircase on the top floor of the building was not operational.
- The school does not meet the standards in this part.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraph 32(1), 32(1)(c)

- The school does not have a website. However, leaders ensure that the information required in the standards, including the school's safeguarding policy, is available on request.
- Consequently, this standard is met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- Leaders do not fulfil their responsibilities effectively because the independent school standards relating to pupils' welfare and safety and premises and accommodation are not met.
- Leaders have not ensured that all the priority actions from the recent risk assessment report have been acted upon. As a result, the environment presents some health and safety risks to pupils.
- Leaders have not ensured that all the independent school standards are met. Therefore, the standards relating to leadership and management 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 were checked during this inspection, as set out below. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

The school does not meet the following independent school standards

- The proprietor must ensure that the welfare of pupils at the school is safeguarded and promoted by the drawing up and effective implementation of a written risk assessment policy; and appropriate action is taken to reduce risks that are identified (paragraph 16, 16(b)).
- The proprietor must ensure that the school premises and the accommodation and facilities therein are maintained to such a standard that, so far as is reasonably practical, the health, safety and welfare of pupils are ensured (paragraph 25).
- The proprietor must ensure that persons with leadership and management responsibilities at the school demonstrate good skills and knowledge appropriate to their role so that the independent school standards are met consistently. They must fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the independent school standards are met consistently; and actively promote the well-being of pupils (paragraph 34, 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b) and 34(1)(c)).

School details

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This inspection was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's suitability for continued registration as an independent school.

Type of school	Orthodox Jewish
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	3 to 12
Gender of pupils	Boys
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	389
Of which, number on roll in sixth form	None
Number of part-time pupils	None
Proprietor	Talmud Torah Yetev Lev Ltd
Chair	Mr Simon Gluck
Headteacher	Rabbi Zev Poznanski
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,600
Telephone number	0161 792 9922
Website	None
Email address	ttylsatmar@googlemail.com
Date of previous standard inspection	9–11 May 2017

Information about this school

- Talmud Torah Yetev Lev is a school for orthodox Jewish Chassidic boys, aged from three to 13 years, in the Broughton Park area of Salford, Manchester.
- The school was formed in 1997 and is owned and maintained by Satmar Chassidic community.
- The aim of the school is 'to provide a sound Jewish education that reflects the Satmar

traditions and moral values’.

- The school is registered for up to 405 pupils. Currently, there are 389 pupils on roll.
- There are a small number of pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities. The school does not receive additional government funding to support disadvantaged children.
- The school does not have a website; however, it meets requirements on the publication of specified information by making documentation readily available to parents upon request.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was carried out at the request of the Department for Education.
- This inspection was conducted without notice to the school.
- The inspector held meetings with the headteacher and three teachers. The inspector toured the school, accompanied by the headteacher. The inspector observed staff and pupils working together. He also met with a group of pupils.
- The inspector scrutinised a range of school documents relating to safeguarding and the health, safety and well-being of pupils. The inspector scrutinised the single central record. A review of the safeguarding policy was also undertaken. Staff training records were reviewed in relation to safeguarding.

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