

Advance Education

Unit 5, Unimix House, Abbey Road, Park Royal, London NW10 7TR

Inspection dates

12 December 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

Paragraphs 7, 7(a), 7(b) and 32(1), 32(1)(c)

- Leaders have still not ensured that pupils are safe.
- The school's child protection policy is available online. However, although it was reviewed in October 2018, it does not reflect the latest statutory guidance and references guidance and information from several years ago.
- It is unclear who is responsible for leading on keeping pupils safe. The designated safeguarding leader (DSL) has an inadequate understanding of his statutory duties, and of the latest guidance. During the inspection, the DSL said he deferred to the proprietor to lead on referring concerns, though he said there have not been any.
- The inspector observed two young female pupils using the staff/visitor toilet. Staff told the inspector this is not permitted and were surprised to hear this.

Paragraph 15

- At the time of the previous inspection, although the school kept details of all admissions and leavers, this information had not been included in the school's admission register. The proprietor had not ensured that an admission and attendance register was maintained in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2016.
- This inspection found there to have been no improvement. There continues to be no admission register. Instead, there are seven registers, one for each year group, with all leavers removed. There are multiple gaps and a significant proportion of columns have nothing in them.
- Some of the independent school standards checked in this part are not met, as listed in the annex to this report.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 27, 27(b)

- At the time of the previous inspection, the proprietor did not ensure that external lighting was provided so that people can enter and leave the school premises safely.

- This inspection confirmed that a suitable outdoor light has been fitted at the front of the building.

Paragraphs 25 and 28(1), 28(1)(b)

- During a routine tour of the premises, the inspector found there to be no hot water supply in the staff/visitor's washing facility. He also found the school to be unclean in places and the wet floors in the pupil toilets to present a significant slipping risk.
- Some of the independent school standards checked in this part are not met, as listed in the annex to this report.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraph 32(3), 32(3)(b)

- At the time of the previous inspection, the proprietor did not ensure that particulars of the educational and welfare provision for pupils with an education, health and care (EHC) plan and pupils for whom English is an additional language were readily available to parents, or published on the school's website.
- This inspection found that the proprietor has now produced particulars of the educational and welfare provision for pupils for whom English is an additional language and published this online. However, the proprietor has still not done this for potential pupils with an EHC plan.
- The independent school standard checked in this part is not met, as listed in the annex to this report.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- At the time of the inspection in April 2018, leaders had not ensured that all the independent school standards relating to welfare, premises and provision of information had been met.
- Leadership and management have not demonstrated sufficient capacity to improve safeguarding of pupils, and their health and safety. Only one previously unmet standard is now met; the installation of an outdoor light. All other unmet standards remain not met.
- Leaders continue to fail to meet multiple statutory requirements. As a result, pupils continue to be at risk of harm in this school.
- The independent school standards checked in this part are not met, as listed in the annex to this report.

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 in the annex of this report. This included the standards and requirements that the school was judged to not comply with at the previous inspection. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

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	Islamic primary day school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	4 to 11
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	96
Number of part-time pupils	None
Proprietor	Janet Daniah
Chair	Mohummud Yousoof Dauhoo
Headteacher	Janet Daniah
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,400
Telephone number	020 8838 3922
Website	www.advanceeducationcentre-london.co.uk
Email address	advance.education@hotmail.com
Date of previous standard inspection	24–26 April 2018

Information about this school

- Advance Education is a selective primary day school with an Islamic ethos. Admission is based on the successful completion of an entry assessment for pupils wishing to join in Years 1 to 6.
- The school is part of a registered charity, Advance Education. However, both the school's proprietor and headteacher is a sole individual, Janet Daniah. The Department for Education's online database 'Getting Information About Schools' (GIAS) does not identify a proprietor.
- The school is located on the ground floor of a large, multi-storey commercial office block

in the London Borough of Brent. The school occupies a self-contained unit within the office block. It has access to a small, secure, outdoor play space at the front of the building.

- There is one Reception class in the early years. All children attend the Reception class full time. In addition to the Reception class, there are six classes, one for each of the year groups from Years 1 to 6.
- There are no pupils who are supported by an education, health and care plan.
- The school's previous and first full standard inspection took place in April 2018.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was carried out at the request of the registration authority for independent schools. The purpose of the inspection was to monitor the progress the school has made in meeting the independent school standards and other requirements that it was judged to not comply with at its previous inspection.
- In April 2018, a full standard inspection judged the school to require improvement, and some of the independent school standards as unmet. The school submitted an action plan, which was judged to be acceptable with modifications.
- This was the school's first progress monitoring inspection, and was conducted without notice.
- This inspection focused on the school's progress against specific requirements within Parts 3, 5, 6 and 8 of the independent school standards. The inspector toured the premises and scrutinised a range of documentation with the school's proprietor, who is also the headteacher. He also met with the school's designated safeguarding leader.
- The inspection took into consideration the 13 recent responses to Ofsted's online survey (Parent View).

Inspection team

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Annex. Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school does not meet the following independent school standards

Standards that were not met at the previous inspection and remain unmet at this inspection

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

- 15 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that an admission and attendance register is maintained in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006.

Part 6. Provision of information

- 32(3) The information specified in this sub-paragraph is-
 - 32(3)(b) particulars of educational and welfare provision for pupils with EHC plans and pupils for whom English is an additional language.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

- 34(1) The standard about the quality of leadership and management is met if the proprietor ensures that persons with leadership and management responsibilities at the school-
 - 34(1)(a) demonstrate good skills and knowledge appropriate to their role so that the independent school standards are met consistently;
 - 34(1)(b) fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the independent school standards are met consistently.

Standards that were met at the previous inspection, but are now judged to not be met at this inspection

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

- 7 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that-
 - 7(a) arrangements are made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils at the school; and
 - 7(b) such arrangements have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

- 25 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that the school premises and the accommodation and facilities provided therein are maintained to a standard such that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of pupils are ensured.

- 28(1) The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that-
 - 28(1)(b) toilets and urinals have an adequate supply of cold water and washing facilities have an adequate supply of hot and cold water.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

- 34(1) The standard about the quality of leadership and management is met if the proprietor ensures that persons with leadership and management responsibilities at the school-
 - 34(1)(c) actively promote the well-being of pupils.

The school now meets the following requirements of the independent school standards

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

- 27 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that-
 - 27(b) external lighting is provided in order to ensure that people can safely enter and leave the school premises.

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