

# Beis Yaakov Girls School

11 Amhurst Park, Stamford Hill, London N16 5DH

## Inspection dates

21 May 2019

### Overall outcome

**The school meets 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

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

- Leaders have a sharp understanding of how to keep pupils as safe from harm as possible. They understand the contextual risks faced by their pupils, and ensure that training focuses on these risks. They pay due regard to the latest statutory guidance. The school's child protection policy reflects the latest guidance issued by the Secretary of State, and is readily available in hard copy to parents and carers. The school's safer recruitment process, its system for raising and recording concerns and arrangements for staff training and induction are compliant with requirements.
- Leaders have ensured that the school's health and safety and risk assessment policies are effectively implemented and that the school complies with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. The premises and facilities are clean, safe and well maintained. Risk assessments for the premises reflect the careful thought given to the reduction of risks. This ensures that pupils are kept as safe as possible.
- There is appropriate deployment of staff to ensure that pupils are safely supervised, including in relation to the required ratios in the early years provision. This is likely to continue to be the case if numbers increase to 120.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are met.

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

*All relevant paragraphs*

- Leaders ensure that all the relevant vetting checks are undertaken on staff.
- All recruitment checks are recorded accurately on the school's single central register, including for governors and the proprietor. This meets all current requirements.
- The school makes no use of supply or agency staff.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are met.

## Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

### *All relevant paragraphs*

- The school's new, temporary premises at 11 Amhurst Park are intended for use for the next two years. They are clean, safe, secure and well maintained. There is comfortably room for up to 120 pupils aged up to 11 years of age.
- The health, safety and welfare of pupils are likely to be assured through the effective implementation of the school's health and safety policy.
- There are nine classrooms of various sizes, including suitable spaces for children in the early years.
- There is ample outdoor space for play and physical education.
- There are enough suitable toilet and washing facilities, which meet requirements.
- There is an appropriate medical room facility, which meets requirements.
- The acoustic conditions, sound insulation and internal and external lighting are suitable throughout the premises.
- Suitably labelled drinking water is available throughout the school day from water coolers in reception. The temperature of hot water supplies is safely regulated.
- Leaders have ensured that all the independent school standards in this part are met, and are likely to continue to be met if the number of pupils increases to a maximum of 120.

## Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- Leaders have a secure understanding of the independent school standards, and pay close attention to detail in ensuring compliance with all the requirements. They are organised and proactive, and have ensured that all the relevant standards related to the requested material changes are met and are likely to continue to be met.

## **Compliance with regulatory requirements**

The school meets 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	136817
DfE registration number	204/6000
Inspection number	10101357

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	Primary day school for girls from an Ultra-Orthodox Jewish faith
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Josh Leitner
Headteacher	Natalie Barwin
Annual fees (day pupils)	£3,588 to £5,200
Telephone number	020 7502 2840
Website	None
Email address	office@bygs.org.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	25–27 April 2017

## Pupils

	<b>School's current position</b>	<b>School's proposal</b>	<b>Inspector's recommendation</b>
Age range of pupils	3 to 11	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	96 (registered capacity 110)	120	120

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Girls	No change
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	96	Up to 120
Number of part-time pupils	None	Up to 120
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	19	Up to 30
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	3	Up to 5
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	3	Up to 5

## Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	4	No change
Number of part-time teaching staff	30	33
Number of staff in the welfare provision	7	8

## Information about this school

- Beis Yaakov Girls School is an independent primary day school in the London Borough of Hackney. It caters for girls from the Ultra-Orthodox Jewish faith.
- The school's previous inspection was a material change inspection in March 2018, which judged all the independent school standards checked as met.
- The school's most recent standard inspection took place in April 2017, when it was judged to be good. All the independent school standards were judged to be met.
- The school's website is currently being designed. In the meantime, all the required

policies and information are available in hard copy to parents.

## Information about this inspection

- The inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education (DfE) to consider the school's application for a material change to its registration. The proprietor wishes to change its registered premises and to increase the number of pupils on roll.
- The DfE requested that the inspector consider whether particular independent school standards contained within parts 3, 4, 5 and 8 are met.
- The inspector conducted the inspection with the headteacher. He also met with leaders responsible for safeguarding. He toured the premises and reviewed a range of key documents and policies in relation to the independent school standards.
- There were not enough recent responses to Ofsted's online survey for parents, Parent View, to be considered as part of the inspection.

## Inspection team

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