

Beis Rochel d'Satmar School

180 Bethune Road, London N16 5DS (premises include 91 Amhurst Park, London N16 5DR and 105 Cranwich Road, London N16 5AJ)

Inspection date

12 August 2019

Overall outcome

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

Main inspection findings

Part 1. Quality of education provided

All paragraphs

- Leaders have developed an appropriate curriculum policy which considers the needs, aptitudes and interests of boys aged 2 to 11.
- The curriculum plans include coverage of all the required areas of learning in the early years, and English, mathematics, science, art and design, humanities, design and technology, and physical education for pupils of compulsory school age.
- Kodesh will continue to be taught in the mornings in Yiddish; Chol will be taught in the afternoons in English. The school is likely to continue to be well resourced and staffed.
- Pupils' progress and attainment will be identified using an evidence-based assessment system and tests. These will be reviewed on a termly basis by teachers to plan lessons and any necessary interventions.
- There is a suitably planned personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education programme. It includes many opportunities for pupils to learn about British values, and to prepare them to respect others, paying regard to the protected characteristics.
- Suitable arrangements are in place to develop and support staff, and to monitor the quality of education.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are likely to be met if Beis Rochel d'Satmar School is registered as an independent school.

Part 2. Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils

All paragraphs

- The school will have an Orthodox Jewish ethos.
- The school's detailed plans for the promotion of pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and for PSHE education outline a clear commitment to teach pupils about British values, other religions, cultures and beliefs, and to encourage

them to respect other people with protected characteristics.

- The safeguarding and safer recruitment policy makes it clear that no member of staff may promote partisan views, and that balanced viewpoints must always be presented in the teaching of all subjects.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standard in this part is likely to be met if Beis Rochel d'Satmar School is registered as an independent school.

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

All paragraphs

- There is likely to be a strong safeguarding culture. The school's child protection policy is suitable, will be made available in hard copy, and reflects the incoming, updated statutory guidance 'Keeping children safe in education' (September 2019) and 'Working together to safeguard children' (July 2018). Designated safeguarding leaders have completed an appropriately enhanced level of training; they are knowledgeable and aware of their duties. The school's system for recording concerns and any actions taken is fit for purpose. Arrangements for staff induction, training and checks on their understanding are likely to ensure that they will continue to be provided with the knowledge and skills they need to safeguard pupils.
- The school is likely to be compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Appropriate actions have been taken following external fire risk assessments of all three buildings in June 2019. Leaders understand the importance of completing and logging all the required checks on electrical equipment, fire-safety equipment, emergency lighting and the alarm systems. Evacuation drills are carried out termly.
- The school's health and safety, risk assessment and first-aid policies are likely to meet the required aspects of health and safety. There are many trained first aiders. Appropriate risk assessments are in place, including for the premises and educational visits.
- The school's proposed behaviour and anti-bullying policies are suitable and likely to be implemented well. Leaders intend to keep an electronic record of any sanctions imposed for incidents of serious misbehaviour.
- An appropriate number of staff are likely to be deployed, including for children in the early years, in line with the statutory requirements.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are likely to be met if Beis Rochel d'Satmar School is registered as an independent school.

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

All paragraphs

- All the required vetting checks, including for the proprietors, governors and staff, are recorded accurately on a single central record.
- Leaders have a clear understanding of safer recruitment. They understand the importance of completing all the required checks on new staff before they work with pupils.

- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are likely to be met if Beis Rochel d'Satmar School is registered as an independent school.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The premises, which comprise three separate but connected buildings, are secure, well maintained and clean. The facilities include 34 classrooms, three outdoor play areas and a large indoor hall.
- A new early years outdoor learning area is currently under development, and leaders are awaiting the relevant permissions to develop 91 Amhurst Park, London N16 5DR to bring it up to the same high standards as the other two buildings.
- There are plentiful and suitable toilet and washing facilities. A medical room is suitably resourced and located in a central location, near a pupils' toilet. Drinking water supplies are provided at suitably labelled taps throughout the buildings. The acoustic features, sound insulation, regulated hot water supplies and internal and external lights are all suitable.
- The school's proposed health and safety policy addresses all key areas required. The available evidence suggests that the policy is likely to be well implemented.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in this part are likely to be met if Beis Rochel d'Satmar School is registered as an independent school.

Part 6. Provision of information

All paragraphs

- In the absence of a website, all the required policies have been written and will be made available in hard copy. All the required information has been written in a comprehensive 'welcome pack'.
- The school's intended annual report template for parents and carers is likely to meet requirements, as it clearly identifies pupils' progress and attainment in all the subject areas taught.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standard in this part is likely to be met if Beis Rochel d'Satmar School is registered as an independent school.

Part 7. Manner in which complaints are handled

All paragraphs

- Leaders have prepared a suitable complaints procedure, which is likely to be compliant with all the requirements. A suitable complaints log is also ready for use.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standard in this part is likely to be met if Beis Rochel d'Satmar School is registered as an independent school.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

All paragraphs

- Leaders have paid good attention to detail in planning to separate their school into two schools. The new leadership team has a strong working knowledge of the independent school standards.
- All the independent school standards are likely to be met and pupils' well-being is likely to be assured if Beis Rochel d'Satmar School is registered as an independent school for up to 1000 boys aged 2 to 11.

Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010

- The school's proposed accessibility plan is likely to meet the requirements of Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010.

Statutory requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage

- Leaders have ensured that the curriculum plans for teaching and assessment, which are appropriately planned around the early learning goals and all the required areas of learning, are likely to meet the learning and development requirements for two- to five-year-olds. Leaders have also made suitable arrangements which are likely to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements.

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	147296
DfE registration number	204/6021
Inspection number	10118875

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	Orthodox Jewish primary day school for boys
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Talmud Torah Veyirah D'Satmar London Limited
Chair	Aaron Langberg
Headteacher	Nathaniel Lieberman
Annual fees (day pupils)	Fees are variable, depending on the ability of parents and carers to pay
Telephone number	020 8800 8070
Website	The school does not have a website
Email address	admin@satmarschool.co.uk

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	Not applicable	2 to 11	2 to 11
Number of pupils on the school roll	Not applicable	1056	1000

Reason for inspector's recommendations

- The maximum capacity across the three buildings is for 1000 pupils.

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Not applicable	Boys
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	Not applicable	700
Number of part-time pupils	Not applicable	None
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	Not applicable	Up to 100
Of which, number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	Not applicable	Up to 26
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	Up to 26

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	Not applicable	85
Number of part-time teaching staff	Not applicable	28
Number of staff in the welfare provision	Not applicable	27

Information about this proposed school

- Beis Rochel d'Satmar Girls' School is currently a mixed school for pupils aged 2 to 19 and is located across four sites in the London Borough of Hackney. Following the school's most recent full standard inspection in November 2018, leaders plan to separate the schools. To do this, leaders have applied to open a new school: Beis Rochel d'Satmar School (for boys). Beis Rochel d'Satmar Girls' School will continue to operate, for girls only. Leaders plan to operate as two separate schools from September 2019.

Information about this inspection

- This was the school's first pre-registration inspection to consider Beis Rochel d'Satmar Girls' School's application to de-amalgamate their school into two schools.
- The inspection was conducted with one week's notice, as its timing coincided with the summer holidays.
- The inspector met with a number of leaders, including the headteacher, the deputy headteacher, the chair of governors, and leaders with responsibility for compliance and safety.
- The inspector considered a wide range of evidence to check the likelihood of the school meeting all the independent school standards. For example, he considered the school's proposed curriculum, toured the premises, and reviewed key documents and policies, including those related to safeguarding and health and safety.

Inspection team

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