

# Lubavitch Senior Boys' School

1117 Finchley Road, London NW11 0QB

## Inspection dates

22 August 2019

### Overall outcome

**The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material change relating to the school provision is implemented**

## Main inspection findings

### Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

#### *Paragraph 7*

- The school's child protection policy is available in hard copy to parents and is now compliant with the latest statutory guidance. The new headteacher, who will fulfil the role of designated safeguarding leader, has recently completed an enhanced level of training, as has one of the school's governors. The headteacher is preparing to implement the latest version of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' in September 2019, including in relation to staff training and the school's policies and procedures. In light of his recent training, the headteacher is also improving the school's system for managing concerns, referrals and any actions taken, in time for September 2019.

#### *Paragraphs 11, 12 and 16*

- The school's health and safety, fire safety and risk assessment policies have all been suitably updated in light of the new premises. They are likely to be implemented well.
- An external fire risk assessment of the premises in January 2019 identified no significant concerns. All fire safety systems, equipment, logs and checks are likely to be compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- Leaders have carefully considered the potential risks presented at the new premises, including in relation to the site being shared with another school. These risks have been considered, and minimised, following a thorough premises risk assessment.
- The independent school standards checked in this part are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

### Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

#### *All paragraphs*

- The school's new premises at 1117 Finchley Road, London NW11 0QB are modern, clean, well maintained and suitable. They are likely to accommodate up to 40 pupils, as per the school's existing registration agreement.

- The first floor of the main building will be dedicated to this school. It has its own entrance. It includes two large classrooms, a suitable medical room, two toilets and washing facilities, labelled drinking water supplies and a large open space for study and recreation at lunchtimes. There are suitably large indoor and outdoor spaces for recreation and physical education, which will be shared with another school. This has been suitably timetabled and risk assessed.
- The standards relating to indoor and outdoor lighting, hot water supplies, acoustics and health and safety are all likely to be met.
- The independent school standards in this part are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

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

### *Paragraph 34*

- Since the previous progress monitoring inspection in April 2019, another interim headteacher has left the school. There is now a new substantive headteacher in post. He takes up his role formally in September 2019, but has already begun some effective work, with the support of governors and the proprietor of the new neighbouring school, to relocate the school to these new, more suitable premises.
- The independent school standard in this part is likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

## **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 that are relevant to the material change.

## School details

Unique reference number	144363
DfE registration number	204/6016
Inspection number	10118842

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 likely compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Secondary school for Orthodox Jewish boys
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Chabad Lubavitch UK
Chair	Pesach Efuno
Headteacher	Levi Schtroks
Annual fees (day pupils)	£4,380
Telephone number	020 3409 1853
Website	The school does not have a website
Email address	lubavitchsbs@gmail.com
Date of previous standard inspection	19 to 21 June 2018

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	11 to 13	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	20 (capacity 40)	No change	Not applicable

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Boys	No change

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	All pupils	No change
Number of part-time pupils	None	No change
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	None	No change
Of which, number of pupils with a statement of special educational needs or an education, health and care plan	None	No change
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	None	No change

## Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	1	No change
Number of part-time teaching staff	3	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	None	No change

## Information about this school

- Lubavitch Senior Boys' School is registered to admit up to 40 boys between the ages of 11 and 13 years. All pupils are from Orthodox Jewish backgrounds.
- Leaders only intend to operate the school with 20 pupils on roll for the academic year 2019/20.
- From mid-February 2019, an interim headteacher was leading the school on a part-time basis. This arrangement ended in April 2019. Another interim headteacher led the school until the end of the 2018/19 academic year. A new substantive headteacher is now in post.
- Three proprietors oversee the school's strategic leadership. Three governors, all

parents of pupils at the school, also support the proprietors and headteacher.

- The school does not make use of any alternative provision.
- The school's first and most recent full inspection took place in June 2018, when the overall judgement was inadequate. A number of the independent school standards were judged as unmet. In April 2019, an unannounced progress monitoring inspection took place. Again, many of the independent school standards were judged as not met.

## Information about this inspection

- This inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education to consider the school's application to change its main premises.
- The inspector was asked to consider whether specific requirements in Parts 3, 5 and 8 of the independent school standards are likely to be met if the school relocates to their proposed new premises.
- The inspection was announced on 6 August 2019 because the timing of this inspection coincided with the holidays.
- There were no responses on Parent View to consider as part of this inspection.

## Inspection team

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