

# Tiferes High School

The Community Centre, 18 Raleigh Close, Hendon, London NW4 2TA

**Inspection dates**

12 September 2019

**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(a), 25, 28(1)(d) and 29(1)(b)*

- At the time of the June 2018 inspection, these standards were not met because the school building was not maintained well enough to assure pupils' safety and welfare as effectively as it should. Inspectors reported that there were cracks in windows, broken floor tiles, poor standards of decoration, a lack of checks on electrical equipment and scalding hot water supplies. Inspectors also judged some of the outdoor spaces as unsuitable for pupils to socialise and relax in at breaktimes.
- This inspection confirms that some progress has been made to rectify the health and safety issues, as per the progress identified in the school's action plan. For example, broken windows have been replaced, portable appliance testing has been completed twice and the outdoor areas are now suitable for outdoor recreation. However, there is still much work to do to fix floors, decorate classrooms and corridors and to replace the boiler system. The headteacher plans to have all works completed by the end of the autumn term.
- The standards 7(a) and 25 remain unmet. In addition, as no hot water was available during the inspection, paragraph 28(1)(b) is also judged as not met.
- Standard 29(1)(b) is now met because leaders have ensured that the outdoor areas are suitable for the pupils to play outside.

*Paragraph 7(b)*

- This inspection found the school's child protection policy to have been reviewed in September 2019 but not in line with the latest statutory guidance. The latest guidance issued by the Secretary of State, and in force from 2 September 2019, was not known to leaders until 9 September 2019, when they received an update email from the Department for Education (DfE).
- As a result, the school's child protection policy and practice do not pay regard to the required guidance, and this standard is now judged to be not met.

### *Paragraph 10*

- At the time of the previous inspection, it was reported that almost all forms of bullying and the consequences of such behaviour were covered in the anti-bullying policy. However, there was no specific reference to homophobic bullying.
- This inspection found the school's anti-bullying policy now includes explicit reference to homophobic bullying and to any form of discriminatory bullying based on any of the protected characteristics, as identified in the Equality Act 2010.
- Standard 10 is now met.

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

### *Paragraph 34*

- Leaders have not ensured that all the independent school standards are met.
- Since the previous inspection in June 2018, progress to remedy the identified concerns has been too slow.
- However, all the required works to improve the premises have now been agreed with the building's owners, and secure plans are in place to ensure that the premises are likely to be fully compliant with all the relevant standards by the end of the autumn term.
- The standard in this part remains unmet.

## **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

Unique reference number	131403
DfE registration number	302/6110
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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	Secondary school for Orthodox Jewish girls
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	11 to 16
Gender of pupils	Girls
Number of pupils on the school roll	128
Number of part-time pupils	None
Proprietor	Tiferes High School Limited
Chair	David Hersh
Headteacher	Joel Rabinowitz
Annual fees (day pupils)	£6,000
Telephone number	020 8203 8618
Website	The school does not have a website
Email address	office@tifereshigh.com
Date of previous standard inspection	5–7 June 2018

## Information about this school

- Tiferes High School, formerly known as London Jewish Girls High School, is an independent day school for up to 125 girls aged 11 to 16 years. The school is located in a residential area in the London Borough of Barnet.
- There are currently 128 girls on roll. No pupils have an education, health and care plan. As at the time of the last inspection, the school remains in breach of its registration agreement.
- The school does not have a website. However, policies, including the child protection policy, are readily available in hard copy to parents and carers.

- The school was last inspected in June 2018, when its overall effectiveness was judged to require improvement.
- The school makes no use of alternative provision.

## 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.
- After the school's full standard inspection in June 2018, leaders were asked to submit an action plan. In May 2019, Ofsted judged the school's action plan to be not acceptable. It was subsequently rejected by the DfE.
- The DfE requested that this first progress monitoring inspection consider whether particular independent school standards contained within Parts 3, 5 and 8 are now met.
- The inspection was conducted without notice.
- The inspector met the headteacher and the deputy headteacher. He toured the premises and reviewed key documents and policies in relation to the independent school standards that were checked.
- There were no recent responses to Ofsted's online survey for parents, Parent View, to consider.

## Inspection team

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Ofsted Inspector

## **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**

- 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.

#### **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)(d) the temperature of hot water at the point of use does not pose a scalding risk to users.

#### **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; and
  - 34(1)(c) actively promote the well-being of pupils.

*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(b) such arrangements have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

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

- 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.

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

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

- 10 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that bullying at the school is prevented in so far as reasonably practicable, by the drawing up and implementation of an effective anti-bullying strategy.

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

- 29(1) The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that suitable outdoor space is provided in order to enable-
  - 29(1)(b) pupils to play outside.



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