

Talmud Torah London

37 Moresby Road, London E5 9LE

Inspection dates

4 November 2019

Overall outcome

The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material changes relating to the school provision are implemented.

Main inspection findings

Part 1. Quality of education provided

Paragraphs 2, 3, 4

- The school met all standards in relation to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 in its last full standard inspection in January 2019.
- Leaders have reviewed and revised their curriculum to ensure that plans and schemes of work reflect the age range they wish to accommodate. Planning for 10- and 11-year-olds is appropriate in terms of age-related expectations and they are comparable with the aims of the national curriculum.
- Leaders continue to work on enhancing their planning for the older pupils and are currently strengthening their planning for personal development. Plans will be fully completed and revised before current pupils in Year 5 enter Year 6 in September 2020.
- Leaders continue to provide bespoke individual planning for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). This includes some of the oldest pupils in the school, which is relevant to the proposed material change.
- Leaders have ensured that standards are likely to be met by the school if the DFE approves the implementation of the material change.

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

Paragraph 5

- The school met all the standards in relation to paragraph 5 in its last full standard inspection in January 2019.
- Leaders have ensured that policies and plans to support older pupils' personal development are age-appropriate and fit for purpose. For example, leaders are in the process of reviewing how to ensure that older pupils are given appropriate experiences to develop their respect for families and households which differ to their own.

- Leaders have ensured that plans and policies continue to reflect and adhere to the requirements of the 2010 Equalities Act.
- Leaders have ensured that standards are likely to be met if the DFE approves the implementation of the material changes.

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 7, 7(a), 7(b), 11, 14, 16, 16(a), 16(b)

- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. The safeguarding policy has been reviewed since the previous inspection. It takes into account government guidance for safeguarding and is available to parents at the school. There is no school website to publish the policy.
- The school's health and safety policy is compliant with health and safety laws.
- Leaders have put careful thought into the deployment of staff in relation to ensuring pupils' safety and well-being when they move to the new site. For example, they are devising routines for ensuring pupils' safety when they move around the building and use the unfamiliar staircases.
- Fire signage is in place in readiness for the relocation to the new site.
- Risk assessments in relation to the new site are detailed. Renovations on the new site are near completion. Leaders and governors are relentless in ensuring that any minor issues relating to safety are dealt with promptly by the builders. Leaders will not move pupils to the new site until they are completely satisfied that all necessary work to safeguard pupils is complete.
- Leaders have taken into account pupils ages and stages of physical development when allocating classrooms within the three-storey site.
- Leaders have ensured that standards are likely to be met if the DFE approves the implementation of the material changes.

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

Paragraphs 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

- Leaders ensure that all the necessary checks are made when new staff are recruited. Records are detailed and thorough.
- Leaders have ensured that standards are likely to be met if the DFE approves the implementation of the material changes.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

- The new school building has been renovated to a high standard. It is bright, spacious and light. Classrooms and furniture are safe and suitable for the pupils of primary school age.
- The provision of toilets and washing facilities meets requirements. Drinking water is clearly labelled. Thermostats are being fitted to ensure that water for washing is at an appropriate temperature. Showers have been fitted for older pupils to use after

physical education sessions.

- There is a suitable outside space. Issues with drainage are being resolved by builders in advance of the move to the site.
- Fencing has been installed around the boundaries to keep pupils safe.
- The building will comfortably accommodate the number of pupils requested in the material change.
- Leaders have ensured that standards are likely to be met if the DFE approves the implementation of the material changes.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- Leaders and governors have secured high-quality and comfortable premises for the pupils in their school community.
- Leaders and governors are highly organised and effective in their organisation. Their attention to detail in ensuring that the site meets the needs of current and future pupils is forensic. They are resilient and patient in relation to managing the building works and are adamant that pupils will not be relocated to the new site until it is perfect. As a result, there is no specific date for relocation, although leaders are hopeful that it will be within the next few weeks (subject to the material change being approved).
- Leaders have ensured that standards are likely to be met if the DFE approves the implementation of the material changes.

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	142572
DfE registration number	204/6012
Inspection number	10125084

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 changes that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Jewish Orthodox boys school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Talmud Torah London Ltd
Chair	Alexander Halpert
Headteacher	Rabbi C Schachter
Annual fees (day pupils)	Variable according to the context of the family
Telephone number	020 3322 7879
Website	none
Email address	talmudtorahlondon@gmail.com
Date of previous standard inspection	15–17 January 2019

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	5 to 9	5–11	5–11
Number of pupils on the school roll	54	100	100

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Boys	Not applicable

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	54	100
Number of part-time pupils	0	Not applicable
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	20	Not applicable
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	1	Not applicable
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	1	Not applicable

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	12	Not applicable
Number of part-time teaching staff	6	Not applicable
Number of staff in the welfare provision	Not applicable	Not applicable

Information about this school

- Talmud Torah is a Jewish faith school taking pupils from the Orthodox Chassidic community of Hackney, in north London.
- The school is registered to provide 20 places to boys aged five to nine. There are currently 54 pupils on roll. Some pupils in Year 5 are already 10 years old.
- The school does not use any alternative provision.
- The school has one pupil with an education, health and care plan (EHC)
- The school's last full inspection was in January 2019, when it was judged to be good.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was conducted by Ofsted at the request of the Department for

Education to consider the school's application for a material change to the location of the school's premises and registered address to 89 Lordship Park, London N16 5UP. The inspection also considered the school's application for a material change to increase the number of pupils on roll from 20 to 100 and to increase the age range of pupils from five to nine to five to 11. At the time of the inspection there were 54 pupils on roll and some pupils in Year 5 were 10 years old.

- The focus of the inspection was to consider whether the independent school standards in Parts 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 were likely to be met if the proposed material changes were approved.
- The inspector met with the headteacher and other leaders. The inspector met with governors and the proprietor.
- The inspector took a tour of the school with the headteacher and the governors.
- The inspector scrutinised a wide range of documentation, including records relating to safeguarding, risk assessment and health and safety.

Inspection team

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Her Majesty's Inspector

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