

North London Rudolf Steiner School

1–3 Campsbourne, Hornsey, London N8 7PN

Inspection dates

30 October 2019

Overall outcome

The school meets 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, 7(a), 7(b), 11, 12

- The previous inspection in May 2019 judged that safeguarding was not effective. The premises were not compliant with the fire safety legislation. Toilet facilities were unsuitable. Leaders had failed to identify several health and safety issues, including guards on gas fires.
- The school's action plan in June 2019 dealt with these concerns appropriately and was judged to be acceptable.
- This inspection finds that the proprietor has implemented the action plan effectively. The school meets the fire safety legislation in full. An external contractor has carried out a fire risk assessment and the school has rectified the issues identified. For example, the emergency lighting has been renewed and new fire doors have been fitted throughout the building. The work carried out means that the school meets the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Act 2005. This is confirmed by the London Fire Brigade.
- The proprietor has revised the school's health and safety policy. The gas fires have been removed and replaced with radiators. The boiler behind the children's toilets is encased. The electrical wiring has been updated partly to ensure that the fire alarm system meets requirements. There are up-to-date gas and electrical safety certificates.
- The safeguarding policy is published on the school's website. It takes account of guidance issued by the Secretary of State and covers all the required areas.
- The proprietor has ensured that the independent school standards checked in this part are met.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraphs 23(1), 23(1)(a), 25, 28(1), 28(b), 28(d)

- The previous inspection judged that the toilet and washing facilities for pupils were unsuitable. It also found that, because the boiler was not working, the supply of hot water to the sinks was inadequate. It was therefore not possible to check whether the

temperature of the hot water posed a scalding risk.

- This inspection finds that all these failings have been rectified. The toilet and washing facilities are suitable. The washing facilities have an adequate supply of hot and cold water. The temperature of the hot water does not pose a risk of scalding. The previous inspection also found that the first aid/medical room and the front door security measures were inadequate. These now meet requirements. The medical room is satisfactory and entry to the school is secure.
- The proprietor has ensured that the independent school standards checked in this part are met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- At the last inspection, leadership and management were inadequate because leaders had not ensured that all the independent school standards were met.
- This inspection finds that this is no longer the case. The proprietor and leaders work closely with the owners of the building to ensure that the premises meet current health and safety regulations. These include fire, gas and electrical safety, pupils' toilets and the supply and temperature of the hot water.
- The proprietor and leaders have been diligent in carrying out this work. Much of it was put into effect during the previous inspection. Leaders maintain thorough records of the work and of regular safety checks.
- The proprietor has ensured that the independent school standards in this part are met consistently.

Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010

- The school's accessibility plan meets requirements.

Statutory requirements of the early years foundation stage

- The previous inspection judged that early years provision was inadequate because of the failure to meet the independent school standards in relation to health, safety and welfare.
- This inspection finds that the school has taken reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children in the case of fire or emergency.

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 were checked during this inspection. 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.

The school now meets the following independent school standards

■ 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; and
- 7(b) such arrangements have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

11 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that relevant health and safety laws are complied with by the drawing up and effective implementation of a written health and safety policy.

12 The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor complies with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety Order) 2005.

■ Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

23(1) The standard in this paragraph is met if the proprietor ensures that-

- 23(1)(a) suitable toilet and washing facilities are provided for the sole use of pupils.

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)(b) toilets and urinals have an adequate supply of cold water and washing facilities have an adequate supply of hot and cold water; and
- 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 roles 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.

■ **Statutory requirements of the early years foundation stage**

3.55 Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises in the case of fire and any other emergency, and must have an emergency evacuation procedure.

School details

Unique reference number	102169
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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	Other independent school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	3 to 6
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	23
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	Sue Peat
Chair	Sue Peat
Headteacher	Katharine Ward (chair of college)
Annual fees (day pupils)	£6,699
Telephone number	020 8341 3770
Website	www.rudolfsteiner.london.sch.uk
Email address	info@rudolfsteiner.london.sch.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	7–9 May 2019

Information about this school

- London Rudolf Steiner School is an independent co-educational day school registered for children aged between three and six years. Twenty out of the 23 children are below statutory school age. All children attend five mornings each week.
- The school is housed in a church building in the London Borough of Haringey. The building has multiple occupants. The owners of the building undertake premises management. Leaders and trustees do not employ those responsible for the safe upkeep of the site.
- The school is led and managed by the college of teachers. This consists of a chair and an

administrator. A group of trustees manages and supports the work of the college of teachers.

- The school follows the early years foundation stage curriculum, with agreed exemptions from the Department for Education. The school is exempt from teaching the literacy requirements and has agreed modifications to elements of other early learning goals.
- There are no children identified with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- No children are in the care of the local authority.
- The school uses no alternative provision.
- The school was last inspected in May 2019, when it was judged to be inadequate.

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.
- I had a tour of the premises with school leaders.
- I met the chair of trustees, the chair of college and other leaders to discuss the school's safeguarding, and health, welfare and safety arrangements.
- I looked at a range of documentation relating to safeguarding and health, welfare and safety.

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