

Al Mu'min Primary and Secondary School

Clifton Street, Manningham, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD8 7DA

Inspection dates

4 March 2020

Overall outcome

The school meets all of the independent school standards that were checked during this inspection

Main inspection findings

Part 1. Quality of education provided

Paragraph 3, (3j)

- At the standard inspection in March 2019, inspectors judged that leaders had not acted quickly enough to cease segregating pupils by sex. Boys and girls in Year 8 were taught separately and had no opportunity to socialise with each other. This was judged to constitute direct discrimination contrary to The Equality Act 2010.
- School leaders rectified this situation during the inspection in March 2019. Consequently, this requirement of the independent school standards was judged to be met by the end of that inspection.
- The Department for Education (DfE) commissioned this emergency inspection to check that the school continues to co-educate boys and girls across the school.
- Boys and girls continue to be educated and to have opportunities to socialise together in the school. This remains the case for those pupils who are now in Year 9. This is the only secondary class that has both boys and girls. Lesson visits, work in books and discussions with pupils demonstrate that this has been the case for the whole of this academic year.
- Therefore, the school continues to meet this requirement of the independent school standards.

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 7, (7a and 7b)

- This paragraph of the independent school standards relates to the safeguarding of pupils at the school.
- This paragraph was met at the previous inspection in March 2019.
- The school continues to meet the requirements of this paragraph of the independent school standards. All the expected checks on staff are undertaken prior to appointment. Those leaders with responsibility for child protection take effective action to involve

external agencies when there are any concerns about a pupil's welfare. Records show that leaders monitor the welfare of pupils carefully.

- Pupils described the school as a safe place in which to learn, and they know whom to go to if they have concerns. Pupils behave well and describe bullying as being very rare. School records support this.
- Therefore, the school continues to meet this paragraph of the independent school standards.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34, 34(1)(b)

- The school did not meet this requirement of the independent school standards at the inspection in March 2019 because leaders were not fulfilling their legal duties in relation to The Equality Act 2010. Leaders had not acted quickly enough to cease separating pupils by sex in the secondary phase of the school.
- Leaders have continued the practice of co-education that was established during the March 2019 inspection. This has contributed to a decrease in the number of boys remaining at the school for their secondary education. However, leaders understand their legal responsibilities and know that any changes to the constitution of the school would require a separate registration for a boys' secondary school.
- The school now meets this requirement of the independent school standards.

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. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

School details

Unique reference number	134429
DfE registration number	380/6117
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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 18
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	N/A
Number of pupils on the school roll	191
Of which, number on roll in sixth form	None
Number of part-time pupils	None
Proprietor	Saiful Islam
Headteacher	Munir Azam
Annual fees (day pupils)	£1,650 to £2,250
Telephone number	01274 488593
Website	None
Email address	pri@almumin.bradford.sch.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	12–14 March 2019

Information about this school

- Al Mu'min is an independent Muslim faith school for primary- and secondary-age pupils.
- The school was last inspected in March 2019 and was judged to require improvement.
- The school does not use any alternative education provision for its pupils.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was commissioned by the DfE to check on the school's continued compliance with The Equality Act 2010.
- The inspection was carried out without any notice to the school.
- The lead inspector met with the proprietor, the headteacher and the school's lead for safeguarding. She checked the school's recruitment practices and looked at the arrangements in place for pupils who require child protection support. She also made contact with the designated officer at Bradford City Council.
- The lead inspector visited each class in the school and met with a group of pupils from Year 9 to discuss their work in class. She scrutinised timetable information and school policies and checked pupils' workbooks.

Inspection team

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Her Majesty's Inspector

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