

Date Palm Primary School

80–82 Greenfield Road, London E1 1EJ

Inspection dates

4 October 2021

Overall outcome

The school meets the independent school standards relevant to the material change
The material change has already been implemented

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7, 7(a), 7(b), 11, 12, 16, 32(1), 32(1)(c)

- Leaders have updated their safeguarding policy with the latest guidance. The policy is available to parents and pupils on the school website. The policy reflects leaders' strong awareness of local risks to pupils and potential warning signs.
- Leaders are knowledgeable about all aspects of keeping pupils safe, well and healthy and this is reflected in a further range of detailed policies. Policies outline carefully devised procedures for managing risks related to fire and premises, and in relation to the school's location. There are risk assessments related to trips outside school and to the use of the playground at Kobi Nazrul Primary School for physical education and playtimes.
- Clear procedures are in place to administer first aid and support pupils who may have medical conditions. These are understood by staff.
- Leaders ensured that fire risk assessments took place prior to moving into the building. They responded swiftly to recommendations made to ensure the building is compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- The standards are likely to be met if the Department for Education (DfE) agrees the material change.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

All paragraphs

- The new site has been refurbished to a high standard. Classrooms are bright and welcoming. The site accommodates the number of pupils on roll comfortably. There are high-quality resources in classrooms.
- The site has breakout rooms for intervention sessions and a small hall which is well equipped to support physical development. In addition to this, pupils spend their playtimes in the neighbouring local authority school.

- Pupils have access to suitable toilet facilities. There are separate facilities for boys and girls and washing facilities have an adequate supply of hot and cold water. The temperature of the hot water does not pose a scalding risk. Drinking water is available and signage is clear.
- The medical room is immaculately clean, comfortable, and fit for purpose.
- External lighting is in place and CCTV cameras are in place at the entrance to the building and throughout the site. Cameras have been registered with the appropriate authorities. Fire exits are clearly signposted and lighting is appropriate.
- There is planned building works on the building adjacent to the school which overlooks the outdoor early years' space. Leaders have ensured that appropriate risk assessments are in place. The building work is currently halted, and if it resumes the landlord has secured agreement with builders that no work will take place during school hours. Leaders and staff are highly vigilant in relation to the potential risks related to the proposed building work.
- The standards in this part are likely to be met if the DfE agrees the material change.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

All paragraphs

- Leaders and governors have worked collaboratively and highly effectively to ensure a smooth and comfortable transition to the new site. They have high standards which are reflected in the quality of the premises and in the thoroughness of their policies and procedures.
- Leaders have detailed, thorough knowledge of all current guidance related to the independent school standards that were considered during this inspection. They care deeply about their pupils and work hard to keep them safe, happy and well. The inspector was greeted with happy smiling faces from pupils during the inspection. Pupils were clearly enjoying being in the bright and well-resourced classrooms. The site comfortably accommodates the number of pupils who are currently on roll.
- Leaders work with the local authority and external agencies to support the needs of individual pupils. This is reflected in the well-resourced school hall where there are soft play and other materials designed for individual pupils' needs.
- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards relating to this material change are likely to be met.
- The standards in this part are likely to be met if the DfE agrees the material change.

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

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| Unique reference number | 139221 |
| DfE registration number | 211/6005 |
| Inspection number | 10204964 |

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.

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| Type of school | Other independent school |
| School status | Independent school |
| Proprietor | Kamrul Islam |
| Chair | Kiran Rahman |
| Headteacher | Sharifa Khatun |
| Annual fees (day pupils) | £3,000 |
| Telephone number | 020 3989 5888 |
| Website | www.datepalmprimary.com |
| Email address | admin@datepalmprimary.com |
| Date of previous standard inspection | 6–8 March 2018 |

Pupils

| | School's current position | School's proposal | Inspector's recommendation |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Age range of pupils | 2 to 11 | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Number of pupils on the school roll | 226 | Not applicable | Not applicable |

Pupils

| | School's current position | School's proposal |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Gender of pupils | Mixed | Not applicable |
| Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age | 171 | Not applicable |
| Number of part-time pupils | 55 | 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 | 2 | Not applicable |
| Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan | 2 | Not applicable |

Staff

| | School's current position | School's proposal |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff | 24 | Not applicable |
| Number of part-time teaching staff | 17 | Not applicable |

Information about this school

- Date Palm Primary School is an independent Muslim day school in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. It provides education for 171 full-time pupils aged five to 11, and 55 part-time children aged two to four.
- The school has three sites. Nursery children are accommodated at 15 Philpot Street, E1 2DS and 82–88 Mile End Road, E1 4UN. The site at 80–82 Greenfield Road, E1 1EJ accommodates pupils from Nursery to Year 6.
- The school's previous standard inspection took place in March 2018.
- The school does not use any alternative provision.

- The school currently exceeds the maximum number on roll that it is registered to admit. The school is registered for 200 pupils aged two to 11 and there are currently 226 pupils on role.

Information about this inspection

- The inspection was commissioned by the registration authority for independent schools. The purpose of this inspection was to check whether the school is likely to meet the independent school standards and other requirements as part of the material change inspection.
- Leaders have already implemented the material change relevant to this inspection because they moved from the school's former main site at 56–60 Nelson Street, London E1 2DE into the new site on 4 May 2021. The new site is at 80–82 Greenfield Road, London E1 1EJ.
- The inspector met with the six members of the leadership team, including the headteacher and the chair of the governing body.
- The inspector spoke with pupils as they moved around the building.
- The inspector carried out a tour of the new site to check the safety and suitability of the premises. Documentation relating to safeguarding, health and safety and welfare was reviewed alongside a range of other policies and procedures. The single central record was checked.

Inspection team

Ruth Dollner, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

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