

Talmud Torah London

69 Amhurst Park, London, London N16 5AW

Inspection date

16 May 2022

Overall outcome

The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material change relating to the school provision is implemented

Main inspection findings

Part 1. Quality of education provided

All paragraphs

- The previous material change inspection found that the school's proposed curriculum policy for teaching and assessing secondary-aged pupils was likely to be suitable. This included the proposed personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education programme and careers education. However, leaders made clear that the curriculum would make no reference to sexual orientation and gender reassignment.
- This inspection finds that the proposed curriculum continues to cover all areas of learning. These include religious education, English, mathematics, science, computing, physical education, music, geography and history.
- The PSHE education programme provides pupils with the fundamental knowledge to understand the principles of tolerance and respect for other people. All of the protected characteristics are included in the relationships and sex education (RSE) curriculum. Parents and carers have been consulted on the school's RSE policy. Together, the school's policies for PSHE and RSE are likely to be suitable and reflect government guidance.
- All of the independent school standards in this part are likely to continue to be met if the material change to increase the school's age range from five to 11 to five to 13 is implemented.

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

All paragraphs

- At the previous material change inspection, leaders confirmed that the school has no intention of ever referencing those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender as part of PSHE education or relationships education.
- This inspection finds that themes relating to sexual identity are included in the school's RSE programme. As required by government guidance, the school has consulted with parents on the programme. Following this consultation, parents have

opted to withdraw their children from the sex education elements of the RSE programme.

- The teaching plans for PSHE and relationships education continue to show an appropriate coverage of British values, and public institutions and services. The school's suitable partisan views policy clearly states that a balanced presentation of opposing views will always be given in the teaching of any political issues.
- The requirements of the independent school standards in this part are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 7; 7(a) and 7(b)

- The previous material change inspection judged that the school's safeguarding was strong. Pupils felt safe and were taught to keep themselves safe beyond the school gates. The safeguarding policy was up to date and implemented effectively.
- This inspection finds that the arrangements for safeguarding, including the policy, remain suitable. Pupils said they feel safe at school because their teachers are there to look after them. They talked knowledgeably about keeping themselves safe outside school and the recent work to encourage parents' support for safeguarding.
- The designated safeguarding leaders have suitable, up-to-date training. This ensures that they have the expertise and knowledge to fulfil their roles effectively.
- The safeguarding policy is available from the school office.
- The independent school standards checked in this part, are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- The previous material change inspection judged that leaders had prepared thoroughly for the proposed material change. However, insufficient regard was paid to all the protected characteristics.
- This inspection finds that leaders' actions in relation to the protected characteristics are in line with government guidance. References to sexual orientation and transgender are included in the RSE curriculum.
- The independent school standards checked in this part are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.

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
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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.

Type of school	Other independent school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Talmud Torah London Ltd
Chair	Alexander Halpert
Headteacher	Mr Eli Spitzer
Annual fees (day pupils)	£5,200 but vary according to families' contexts
Telephone number	0203 322 7879
Website	None
Email address	office@ttlondon.org
Date of previous standard inspection	15 to 17 January 2019

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	5 to 11	5 to 13	5 to 13
Number of pupils on the school roll	88 (registered capacity 100)	No change	No change

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Boys	Boys

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	100	100
Number of part-time pupils	0	0
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	35	35
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	5	5
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	0	0

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	5	6
Number of part-time teaching staff	8	11
Number of staff in the welfare provision	10	10

Information about this school

- Talmud Torah London is a strictly Orthodox Jewish independent day school for boys aged five to 11.
- The school is registered to admit up to 100 boys aged between five and 11 years. There are currently 88 primary-aged pupils on roll. The school is compliant with its registration agreement with the Department for Education.
- The school intends to enable existing Year 6 pupils to remain at the school as Year 7 pupils from September 2022. Leaders do not intend to have Year 8 pupils until September 2023.
- The school's headteacher took up his post on 1 August 2021.
- The school caters for a small number of pupils with an education, health and care plan.

- The school makes no use of alternative provision.
- The school's most recent inspection was a material change inspection in June 2021. The school was judged to not meet the independent school standards relevant to the material change. The school's most recent standard inspection in January 2019 judged the school's overall effectiveness to be good.
- The proprietorial body is also responsible for a separately registered early years provision, also called Talmud Torah London, at 202, Upper Clapton Road, London E5 9DH. The provision, which caters for children aged three to five, was last inspected by Ofsted in February 2016.

Information about this inspection

- The inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education (DfE) to consider the school's application to make a material change to its registration agreement. The requested change was to increase the age range of pupils from five to 11 to five to 13.
- The inspection was conducted with two days' notice and was the second material change inspection to consider the school's application to increase its age range.
- The DfE requested that the inspector consider whether particular independent school standards contained within Parts 1, 2, 3 and 8 are likely to be met if the material change is implemented.
- The inspector held meetings with the headteacher, leaders responsible for safeguarding, the special educational needs coordinator and the chair of the proprietary body.
- The inspector met with pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 to discuss their safety, welfare and well-being.
- The inspector considered a range of written policies, including those for the curriculum, safeguarding, assessment, staff training records, and the vetting checks for staff.
- There were no recent responses on Ofsted Parent View to consider.

Inspection team

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