

TLG North Birmingham

NTCG Handsworth, 240–244 Lozells Road, Lozells, Birmingham, West Midlands B19 1NP

Inspection date

24 November 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 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 7, 7(a), 7(b)

- The school has a suitable safeguarding policy in place. This policy has due regard to the latest guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- The school has a designated safeguarding lead and a deputy designated safeguarding lead, who have completed the appropriate training. All other staff are well trained about a range of safeguarding issues.
- Leaders have a good understanding of how to keep pupils safe. Staff record concerns in a timely manner. Records show that leaders respond swiftly when concerns are raised. They refer to external agencies when appropriate and liaise with them closely to ensure that pupils and their families are given appropriate support.
- Leaders have ensured that these standards are likely to be met if the Department for Education (DfE) decides to approve the material change.

Paragraph 11, 12, 16(a), 16(b)

- There is a health and safety policy in place that is fit for purpose. Leaders work with an external consultant, employed by the proprietor, to ensure that all the relevant checks are made. The premises are maintained to a high standard.
- A fire risk assessment for the new premises has been carried out. Staff have had appropriate training for the procedures in the new building. Records show that fire evacuation drills and fire safety equipment checks have taken place.
- A written risk assessment policy is in place. A wide range of risk assessments have been carried out. These demonstrate leaders' clear understanding of potential hazards and the appropriate control measures required.
- Leaders have ensured that these standards are likely to be met if the DfE approves the implementation of the material change.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 23(1), 23(1)(a), 23(1)(b), 23(1)(c), 25, 26, 27(a), 27(b)

- Leaders have moved the school to new premises.
- The new premises are furnished to a high standard. They include a main teaching classroom, a second room available for break-out teaching space and a third room that is used as a social room where staff and pupils can also eat their lunch. There is also a large storage room.
- All teaching rooms have a source of natural light and suitable acoustics. There is also appropriate external lighting around the building.
- There are separate toilet facilities for boys and girls. These include a suitable space for changing and there are suitable washing facilities with cold and hot running water for pupils.
- Leaders have secured access to suitable shower facilities at a local martial arts centre.

Paragraph 24(1), 24(1)(a), 24(1)(b), 24(2)

- The room used as a social room has a small medical room in it. This room has running water and is located close to a toilet facility. There is a medical bed and appropriate first-aid equipment in the medical room.

Paragraph 28(1), 28(1)(a), 28(1)(b), 28(1)(c), 28(1)(d), 28(2), 28(2)(a), 28(2)(b)

- Leaders have ensured that pupils will have access to drinking water. This is currently in the form of bottled water. There is safe access to hot water that does not pose a risk of scalding.

Paragraph 29(1), 29(1)(a), 29(1)(b)

- There is a suitable outdoor space, which is owned by the landlord of the building, that is available for use by the school. The area is suitable for both physical education and for pupils to play together during break- and lunchtimes.
- Leaders have ensured that these standards are likely to be met if the DfE approves the implementation of the material change.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraph 32(1)(c)

- The school's safeguarding policy is published on the school's website.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- Leaders have secured the use of appropriate new premises after being served a notice on their previous premises. The new premises are in a good state of repair and provide suitable accommodation for the numbers of pupils in the school.

- Leaders have ensured that the independent school standards in scope for this inspection are likely to be met if the DfE approves the implementation of the proposed material change.

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 are relevant to the material change.

School details

Unique reference number	135608
DfE registration number	330/6129
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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 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	Transforming Lives for Good
Chair	Andrew Burton
Head of Centre	Mr James Lawlor
Annual fees (day pupils)	£18,088
Telephone number	07943 183021
Website	www.tlgnorthbirmingham.org.uk
Email address	tlgnbirmingham@tlg.org.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	23 to 25 November 2021

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	11 to 16	11 to 16	11 to 16
Number of pupils on the school roll	5	N/A	N/A

Pupils

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

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	1	N/A
Number of part-time pupils	4	N/A
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	1	N/A
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	0	N/A
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	0	N/A

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	2	N/A
Number of part-time teaching staff	0	N/A
Number of staff in the welfare provision	2	N/A

Information about this school

- TLG North Birmingham is an independent day school situated in Lozells, Birmingham.
- The school offers places to pupils who are at risk of permanent exclusion. Places are also offered to pupils who require support for their social, emotional and mental health.
- The school is housed in a church, with access to a spacious learning area and a classroom. Outdoor space is also available.
- The school was last inspected in November 2021, when it was judged to be good.
- Leaders do not make use of alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was commissioned by the DfE to establish whether the school would be likely to meet all of the relevant independent school standards if the proposed material change to move to new premises were to be implemented. This is the school's second material change. Leaders are not proposing to increase the number of pupils on roll at the new premises.
- The inspection focused on some of the welfare, health and safety standards in part 3, all of the standards in part 5 for premises and accommodation, and the standards in part 8 for the quality of leadership in and management of schools.
- The inspector met with the executive head of centre, the head of centre and two central staff from Transforming Lives for Good.
- The inspector toured the new accommodation with the executive head of centre and the head of centre. She also visited the area identified as suitable outdoor space.
- The inspector scrutinised documents relating to the welfare, health and safety of pupils.
- The inspector reviewed safeguarding documents.

Inspection team

Helen Forrest, lead inspector

His Majesty's Inspector

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