

Beis Ruchel Girls School

87 Devonshire Street, Salford M7 4BE

Inspection date

20 June 2023

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

- At the previous standard inspection in July 2022, this independent school standard (this standard) was identified as unmet. Inspectors found that in the early years foundation stage (EYFS), leaders had not implemented a written health and safety policy and a written risk assessment policy. Leaders had not taken appropriate actions to reduce any identified risks in the EYFS. Leaders had failed to ensure that the EYFS learning environment was sufficiently clean and well maintained.
- Leaders submitted a plan setting out the actions that they proposed to take to address the unmet standard. When this plan was evaluated in January 2023, it was judged to be acceptable, subject to some small modifications.

Paragraph 7, 7(a), 7(b), 32(1)(c)

- The proprietor has ensured that there is a suitable safeguarding policy. This policy has regard to the appropriate statutory guidance. There are secure procedures in place for staff to report any concerns that they might have about a pupil's welfare. Although the school does not have a website, copies of the policy are available to parents and carers on request.
- Leaders ensure that all staff receive regular safeguarding training. This helps staff to recognise when pupils may be at risk of harm. Leaders are knowledgeable about how to ensure the suitability of staff appointed to work at the school.

Paragraph 11

- Leaders have put in place a suitable health and safety policy that covers the whole school, including early years. This policy covers all required elements of health and safety. For example, it includes information about the storage of substances hazardous to health and the safety of electrical equipment.
- Records show that a range of health and safety checks are completed regularly, such as water temperature testing, portable electrical appliance testing and checks on gas boilers. These checks are carried out as appropriate across the school site, including in the EYFS.

Paragraph 14

- Leaders have taken care to ensure that staff are suitably deployed in order to ensure pupils' welfare and safety. For example, staff are appropriately deployed to supervise pupils when they arrive each morning. In early years, leaders ensure that there are enough adults to supervise children safely indoors and outdoors.

Paragraph 16, 16(a), 16(b)

- The proprietor has ensured that an effective risk assessment policy is in place. Leaders have carried out a range of risk assessments, including in relation to the EYFS. For example, they have appropriately assessed the risk to staff and pupils across the school from slips, trips and falls. In the EYFS, leaders have identified the risk of infection from dirty toys. Leaders' risk assessments set out the steps that leaders and staff take in order to minimise these risks.
- This standard is now met.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 25

- At the previous standard inspection in July 2022, this standard was identified as unmet. Inspectors had found that the premises and accommodation in the EYFS were not maintained to a sufficiently high standard to ensure the health, safety and welfare of children. This was because the level of cleanliness in the EYFS was not acceptable for children in the Nursery and Reception classes. In addition, extensive areas of flooring were damaged and these posed a trip hazard to children and staff. Some of the resources available to children were of a poor quality.
- In their action plan, which was evaluated in January 2023, leaders identified the steps that they had taken, or planned to take, in order to address the unmet standards. These steps have now been implemented effectively. For example, the premises are clean and tidy. Damaged flooring has been renewed or repaired as appropriate. Leaders have procured new books for children. Leaders know that when selecting resources for children, they must always ensure that they are suitable for children's age and stage of development.
- This standard is now met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- When the school was inspected in July 2022, this standard was found to be unmet. This was because inspectors had identified a number of other unmet standards. The proprietor was not meeting his statutory duties in relation to the requirements of the health and safety laws. Additionally, inspectors found that the proprietor was not meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements relating to the safety and suitability of premises, the environment and equipment.
- Subject to some modifications, leaders' action plan was judged to be acceptable when it was evaluated in January 2023. This action plan set suitable timescales for the

completion of intended actions. The plan indicated that some actions had already been completed by the time that the plan was submitted.

- Leaders have implemented their action plan swiftly and effectively. For example, leaders have made suitable improvements to the way in which compliance with the standards is checked and monitored. The health and safety and risk assessment policies have been reviewed since the previous inspection. Leaders have ensured that the actions that they have taken have satisfied the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the EYFS.
- This standard is now met.

Statutory requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage

- At the time of the standard inspection in July 2022, inspectors found that the proprietor was not meeting the statutory requirements for the EYFS. This related to the failure to meet the safeguarding and welfare requirements in respect of the safety and suitability of the premises, the environment and the equipment that was provided for children. The overall floor space and outdoor space were unsuitable. Appropriate learning resources had not been provided. Leaders had not taken reasonable steps to ensure that children were not exposed to risks. Suitable risk assessments had not been completed to ensure that any risks were identified, checked regularly and managed.
- Leaders' action plan indicated that leaders took swift and appropriate action to ensure that statutory requirements were met.
- Damaged and unsafe flooring has now been repaired or replaced. Leaders have made improvements to the cleaning regime. There is now an appropriate standard of cleanliness, and the premises are tidy. Leaders have carried out a range of risk assessments. They conduct regular checks to ensure compliance with health and safety and EYFS requirements.
- The statutory requirements of the EYFS are met.

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.

School details

Unique reference number	130286
DfE registration number	355/6040
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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	Jewish faith school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	2 to 11
Gender of pupils	Girls
Number of pupils on the school roll	254
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	B Krausz
Headteacher	E Krausz
Annual fees (day pupils)	£3,380
Telephone number	0161 795 1830
Website	None
Email address	mrskrausz@jnrbeisruchel.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	12 to 14 July 2022

Information about this school

- The previous standard inspection of this Jewish faith school took place in July 2022.
- The school operates from premises at 87 Devonshire Street, Salford, Manchester M7 4BE.
- Children in early years are accommodated in a separate building from pupils in key stages 1 and 2. Children have their own outdoor play area.
- The proprietor also operates a separately registered secondary school at the same site. The entrance to this additional school is at 11 Norton Street, Salford, Manchester M7 4AJ.
- The school offers provision for two-year-old children.
- Leaders do not make use of any alternative provision.

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.
- Leaders were asked to prepare an action plan. The plan was evaluated by Ofsted in January 2023. This plan was approved by the Department for Education, subject to modifications.
- The inspector met with senior leaders and staff, including those responsible for maintaining safeguarding records. The inspector also spoke informally to some pupils about safeguarding. A member of staff was present during this discussion, but this had no impact on the outcome of the inspection.
- The inspector examined the school's safeguarding policy.
- The inspector was shown around the school premises. This included the premises for the EYFS, both inside and outside the building.
- The inspector looked at a range of documents regarding safety and safeguarding, including risk assessments, school policies and the single central record.
- The inspection was conducted without notice to the school and was the first progress monitoring inspection.

Inspection team

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