

# Talmud Torah Yetev Lev

393-395 Bury New Road, Salford M7 2BT

**Inspection date**

9 November 2023

**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), 32(1), 32(1)(c)*

- The proprietor body has paid attention to the most current statutory guidance for safeguarding pupils. A suitable and up-to-date policy is in place. The policy has been made available to parents and carers, upon request, from the school office. Leaders have established all the necessary arrangements to keep pupils safe and to promote their welfare at the school.
- There are two designated safeguarding leads (DSLs) who oversee both of the school sites. All staff receive appropriate induction, safeguarding training and regular updates on areas such as radicalisation, extremism, sexual exploitation and e-safety.

*Paragraphs 11, 12, 16, 16(a), 16(b)*

- The proprietor body has a written health and safety policy which is tailored to the premises of the school. It complies with all relevant laws. Leaders carry out regular fire safety checks on the premises and the findings are suitably logged. The proprietor body ensures compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- A written risk assessment policy is in place. Leaders carry out appropriate risk assessments on the school buildings, including the classrooms, and risk assessments for activities such as weekly swimming at the local baths. Completed risk assessments show that leaders take appropriate actions to minimise any risks to pupils.

*Paragraph 14*

- Pupils are appropriately supervised. This includes at breaktimes and when pupils arrive at school and leave the school's premises.
- All the independent school standards (the standards) in this part are likely to be met if the request for the material change is approved.

### Part 4. Suitability of staff, supply staff, and proprietors

*Paragraphs 18(2), 18(2)(a), 18(2)(b), 18(2)(c), 18(2)(c)(i) to 18(2)(c)(iv), 18(2)(d), 18(2)(e), 18(3), 19(2), 19(2)(a), 19(2)(a)(i) to 19(2)(a)(i)(dd), 19(2)(a)(ii), 19(2)(b) to*

*19(2)(d), 19(2)(d)(i), 19(2)(d)(ii), 19(3), 20(6), 20(6)(a) to 20(6)(a)(ii), 20(6)(b), 20(6)(b)(i) to 20(6)(b)(iii), 20(6)(c), 21(1) to 21(3), 21(3)(a), 21(3)(a)(i) to 21(3)(a)(viii), 21(3)(b), 21(4), 21(5), 21(5)(a), 21(5)(a)(i), 21(5)(a)(ii), 21(5)(b), 21(5)(c), 21(6), 21(7) to 21(7)(b)*

- The single central record (SCR) is in place and it contains all the required information. Leaders understand the need to complete all the required checks on the suitability of staff before they take up appointment.
- Records relating to the proprietor body are included on the school's SCR. All the suitability checks, including those relating to the leadership and management of the school, have also been carried out.
- The proprietor body has completed appropriate safer recruitment training to support the appointment of suitable staff to work in a school. Induction documentation for new staff makes it clear that they undergo a full suite of safeguarding, and related training, upon appointment.
- Leaders do not employ agency staff or engage volunteers. However, they are clear about their responsibility for checking the suitability of agency staff or volunteers, should they decide to employ them to work with pupils in the future.
- All the standards in this part are likely to be met if the request for the material change is approved.

#### Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

*Paragraphs 23(1), 23(1)(a), 23(1)(b), 28(1) to 28(1)(d), 28(2) to 28(2)(b)*

- The main school accommodation and the second site are situated either end of a large, terraced building. All these premises are maintained to a good standard with the proprietor body investing in a cycle of renovation over time. The school comprises numerous classrooms and breakout rooms. There are kitchen facilities, a dining room and spaces for staff.
- There are newly refurbished, appropriate toilet facilities for the sole use of pupils. There are separate toilet cubicles that can be secured from the inside. There is hot and cold water. The hot water is at an appropriate temperature. There are signs indicating that the water in the toilet facilities is not suitable for drinking. However, pupils do have access to drinking-water throughout the day.
- There are separate changing and shower facilities at the main site for older pupils. These are clean and furnished to a suitable standard.

*Paragraphs 24(1), 24(1)(a), 24(1)(b), 24(2)*

- Medical rooms have been made available within administration office spaces. There are suitable washing facilities in the rooms. There is easy access to a toilet. A collapsible bed, blanket, pillow and first-aid kit were in the medical rooms at the time of the inspection. Provision for locking away any medication is available in either the main office or in the headteacher's room.

*Paragraphs 25, 26, 27, 27(a), 27(b)*

- The accommodation is of an appropriate standard. It meets all requirements for ensuring the health, safety and welfare of pupils. This includes appropriate acoustics

and lighting for the purpose of the different rooms. The teaching rooms have a suitable source of natural light. There is exterior lighting installed so that pupils, staff and visitors can arrive and leave the site safely.

*Paragraphs 29(1), 29(1)(a), 29(1)(b)*

- Pupils have access to safe outdoor areas to play in when not in lessons. The outdoor space is suitable for physical education lessons as part of the school's curriculum.
- All the standards in this part are likely to be met if the request for the material change is approved.

## Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

*Paragraphs 34(1) to 34(1)(c)*

- The proprietor body has an excellent understanding of the standards and has plans in place to monitor compliance regularly and comprehensively.
- Leaders demonstrate the knowledge required to run this independent school successfully and to accommodate the material change request. They have experience of, and a commitment to, providing an effective quality of education for pupils. They fulfil their responsibility to promote the well-being of pupils.
- All the standards in this part are likely to be met if the request for the material change is approved.

## Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010

- The accessibility plan fully reflects the school's statutory responsibilities.

## **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	131435
DfE registration number	355/6035
Inspection number	10303927

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	Talmud Torah Yetev Lev Limited
Chair	Shimson Gluck (also known as Simon)
Headteacher	Rabbi Zev Poznanski
Annual fees (day pupils)	Voluntary contributions
Telephone number	0161 792 9922
Website	None
Email address	headteacherttyl@gmail.com
Date of previous standard inspection	15 to 17 November 2022

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	3 to 12	3 to 12	3 to 12
Number of pupils on the school roll	399	450	450

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

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	399	450
Number of part-time pupils	None	None
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	40	Not known
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	5	Not known
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	1	Not known

## Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	25	25
Number of part-time teaching staff	34	34
Number of staff in the welfare provision	10	10

## Information about this school

- The school's previous standard inspection was on 15 to 17 November 2022.
- The school operates over two sites. The main site is located at 393-395 Bury New Road, Salford, Lancashire, M7 2BT. The second site, a few doors down from the main premises, is located at 405 Bury New Road, Salford, Lancashire, M7 2BT. This second site is the location of the school's early years department.
- The school is a Jewish boys' school operated by members of the Satmar Chassidic Jewish community.
- At the time of this material change inspection, the school was not operating beyond its registration agreement with the Department for Education (DfE). The school currently provides primary education to 399 pupils aged three to 12 years. The school's registration with the DfE is for a maximum of 405 pupils. However, over an academic year, the school regularly exceeds the maximum number of pupils on roll

that it is registered to admit. For example, at the time of the last inspection in November 2022, the school was providing primary education to 434 pupils. Consequently, the proprietor has applied for this material change.

- The proprietor is Talmud Torah Yetev Lev Ltd. However, there is no record of the proprietor on the DfE's Get Information about Schools (GIAS) website. Additionally, the number of pupils currently recorded on roll on GIAS is 476. This is incorrect. The headteacher confirmed that this was a school administrative error and will correct the information recorded.
- Leaders do not use alternative provision.

## Information about this inspection

- The proprietor body has applied for a material change to increase the pupil capacity from 405 to 450.
- The DfE requested that Ofsted conducts a material change inspection to report against paragraphs 7, 11, 12, 14 and 16 of part 3 of the standards. The DfE also requested a report against parts 4, 5 and 8 of the standards. The inspector also checked the school's accessibility plan and that the safeguarding policy is made available to parents on request.
- This is the first material change inspection since the school's last standard inspection in November 2022.
- The inspector checked those aspects of safeguarding that directly linked to the material change application.
- The inspector met with the headteacher, who is also the DSL. She met with other school leaders and the representative of the proprietor body.
- The inspector made a tour of the school to check the suitability of the premises against the relevant standards. This included visiting the building a few doors down from the main site that houses the early years department.
- The inspector looked at a range of documents and policies relevant to the material change request. These included health and safety, fire safety and risk assessment documentation. The inspector also checked documents relating to safeguarding.

## Inspection team

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