

# Beis Soroh Schneirer

Arbiter House, Wilberforce Road, West Hendon NW9 6AX

## Inspection dates

6 November 2024

### 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 to 7(b)*

- The culture of safety in this school remains strong as leaders ensure the arrangements made to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils are effective. Pupils spoken to feel safe and have trusted adults they can go to for support. Leaders with responsibility for safeguarding are suitably trained and take their duties seriously. They ensure that staff have suitable knowledge and understanding of their safeguarding roles and responsibilities.
- The school's safeguarding policy reflects the latest statutory guidance and is implemented well.

#### *Paragraphs 11, 12, 14 and 16 to 16(b)*

- The school's suitable health and safety, and risk assessment policies are implemented well. The school's arrangements to assess and minimise risks, such as those presented by the premises and off-site trips, are suitable. Requirements relating to fire safety continue to be met.
- Pupils are well looked after and supervised, including in the early years.
- The proprietor has ensured that the independent school standards (the standards) are met by the school if the regulatory authority decides to approve the implementation of the material change.

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

#### *Paragraphs 18(1), 18(2) to 18(2)(f), 18(3), 21(1), 21(2), 21(3) to 21(3)(b) and 21(4)*

- The single central record of pre-employment checks on the adults working with pupils in the school continues to be compliant with the requirements in this part. The school's safer recruitment process reflects statutory guidance.
- The standards checked in this part continue to be met.

## Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

*Paragraphs 23(1) to 23(1)(b), 24(1) to 24(1)(b), 24(2), 25, 26, 27 to 27(b), 28(1) to 28(1)(d) and 29(1) to 29(1)(b)*

- An additional four classrooms are now fully in use, and so the school can comfortably support up to a maximum of 360 pupils.
- The premises include ample toilet and washing facilities for pupils' use. Hot water is safely regulated. Drinking water supplies are suitable. The medical room facility meets the requirements. Standards relating to lighting, acoustics and outdoor space all continue to be met.
- Works to conclude refurbishment of the premises are ongoing, including the installation of a playground on the roof of the premises.
- The proprietor has ensured that the standards are met by the school if the regulatory authority decides to approve the implementation of the material change.

## Part 6. Provision of information

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

- In the absence of a website, the school's safeguarding policy is readily available to parents and carers in hard copy from the school office.
- The standard continues to be met.

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

*Paragraph 34(1) to 34(1)(c)*

- Leaders and the proprietor continue to actively promote the well-being of pupils. They have planned suitably for the increase in number of pupils. They demonstrate a generally sound knowledge and understanding of the standards.
- The proprietor has ensured that the standards are met by the school if the regulatory authority decides to approve the implementation of the 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	131026
DfE registration number	302/6104
Inspection number	10367122

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	Anthony Adler
Headteacher	Clare Neuberger
Annual fees (day pupils)	Voluntary contributions
Telephone number	020 8201 7771
Website	None
Email address	office@bssschoo.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	5 to 7 July 2022

## Pupils

	<b>School's current position</b>	<b>School's proposal</b>	<b>Inspector's recommendation</b>
Age range of pupils	2 to 11	No change	Not applicable
Number of pupils on the school roll	349	360	360

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Girls	No change
Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	252	Up to 257
Number of part-time pupils	0	No change
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	43	Up to 60
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	3	Up to 15
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	3	Up to 15

## Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	0	No change
Number of part-time teaching staff	43	No change
Number of staff in the welfare provision	40	No change

## Information about this school

- Beis Soroḥ Schneirer is an independent primary day school for girls aged two to 11. It has an orthodox Jewish religious ethos.
- The current headteacher joined the school in September 2023.
- The school's previous standard inspection took place in July 2022.
- The school does not make use of alternative provision.

- The school has exceeded the maximum number of pupils on roll that it is registered to admit. The school is registered for up to 290 pupils. At the time of this inspection, there were 349 pupils on roll.

## Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education (DfE) commissioned this inspection to consider the school's application to increase its maximum number of pupils.
- This was the first inspection to consider the school's material change application.
- The inspection was announced with two days of notice.
- The inspector considered whether the relevant requirements in Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 of the independent school standards continue to be met in light of the increase in number of pupils.
- The inspector met with senior leaders and two representatives of the governing body. He toured the premises and met with a group of pupils. He considered a range of evidence, including that relating to health and safety, risk assessment and the premises. He also considered the school's safeguarding arrangements, including the safeguarding policy and the single central record of pre-employment checks on adults.

## Inspection team

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