

Clockhouse Primary School

112 Cazenove Road, London N16 6AD

Inspection date

26 November 2025

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

Paragraphs 7(a), 7(b) and 32(1)(c)

- The proprietor has ensured that those responsible for safeguarding are suitably trained so that that the school's arrangements continue to pay due regard to the statutory guidance. Leaders have a secure understanding of their roles in keeping pupils safe. Although the school has not admitted pupils since it opened, it has in place appropriate systems for record-keeping and referring any concerns about pupils' welfare to the local authority.
- The school has not appointed any new members of staff since its pre-registration inspection in September 2024. Nevertheless, leaders have appropriate procedures in place to complete the required pre-employment suitability checks on new staff.
- Leaders have clear and comprehensive plans in place to ensure that staff receive the training needed to identify, report and record any safeguarding concerns about pupils.
- The school's safeguarding policy is suitable. A hard copy will be made available to parents and carers when the school starts to admit pupils.

Paragraph 11

- The school's health and safety policy is suitable. It has been written specifically for the proposed new premises. The school has appointed a member of staff, who has the necessary training and expertise, to oversee these arrangements and to make sure the health and safety policy is implemented effectively.
- Leaders have updated the health and safety logs and records to reflect the proposed new premises. These are suitable. Leaders know how to ensure that the necessary safety checks take place at the required intervals.

Paragraph 12

- The proprietor has ensured that a suitable, up-to-date, fire risk assessment is in place for the proposed new premises. Leaders have considered fire evacuation procedures,

including routes to and from the building to the outdoor areas. Fire safety equipment is in place and suitable.

- Leaders have ensured that emergency lighting and signage, including for fire exits, is in place throughout the proposed new premises.

Paragraph 16(a), 16(b)

- Leaders have developed a comprehensive risk assessment procedure for the new premises. It takes into account all the features and characteristics of the new building. Leaders have written specific risk assessments for the use of the outdoor area, classrooms and for break and lunchtimes.
- Leaders have considered carefully how to manage the outside area at the back of the premises. This is because, at some times of the day, the area involves shared access to the adjacent synagogue. Leaders have put in place procedures to ensure that this area is well supervised and secured and that the school has exclusive use of the area at specific times of the day.
- The school has a range of appropriate risk assessments for activities, such as walks to the local playground and open spaces.
- The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards (the standards) in this part if the material change is implemented.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraphs 23(1), 23(1)(a), 24(1) to 24(1)(b), 24(2), 28(1) to 28(1)(d), 28(2) to 28(2)(b)

- The proposed new school premises are located at 149 Stamford Hill, London N16 5LG, on the first floor of an ex-local authority office building. All classrooms and other teaching spaces are located on this floor. The school also has private access to an outdoor roof space. Entry to the school is through a double doorway at street level with a secure entry system. The proposed new school building is self-contained and will not be shared with other users. The school has its own entry and exit doors that are not shared with others. The ground floor of the building is used by a separately registered early years provision. This too has its own entrances and exits.
- Two sets of toilet facilities are provided for pupils' use. These are suitable for the age range of pupils the school is registered to admit, including children in the early years. Separate toilets are available for staff and visitors. Toilet facilities meet requirements and provide users with appropriate handwashing facilities.
- The school's medical room is appropriately equipped. It is located next to a toilet and has suitable handwashing facilities. The school does not intend for this space to be used for teaching.
- Throughout the school, pupils have access to drinking water that is labelled as such. Hot and cold water is provided and clearly labelled. Water temperatures are controlled so that these do not pose a scalding risk.

Paragraphs 25, 26, 27, 27(a), 27(b), 29(1) to 29(1)(b)

- The proposed school consists of eight classrooms, a hall and a variety of smaller rooms, which will be used for interventions or staff work areas. Previously, this building was hired and used by an early years setting. Consequently, many of the rooms were already suitably set up for the purposes of education and care. In addition, the school has created four new classroom spaces. These have been finished to a high standard. All teaching spaces are suitably lit, well ventilated and have appropriate acoustics for teaching and learning. Lighting throughout the building, including outside, is appropriate for people to move around the school and exit the premises safely.
- Leaders intend to use the hall as a multi-use area, including for indoor breaktimes, assemblies and for large-group activities. This space is suitable for these activities.
- The school has private access to a roof terrace. Planning permission has been agreed to create a rooftop playground for pupils to use. Leaders intend for this work to be completed by the end of February 2026. In addition, the school has an outdoor area at the back of the premises. This is large enough for outdoor play and physical education. Leaders have considered carefully the use of these spaces as well as the use of a nearby playground to ensure the likely compliance with the independent school standards.
- The proprietor has ensured that the new premises are suitable in size and quality for the number of pupils the school is registered to admit. Leaders have procedures in place for the site to be kept safe, clean and well maintained at all times.
- The school is likely to meet the standards in this part if the material change is implemented.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

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

- The proprietor has considered carefully the proposed move to new premises. Together with leaders, the proprietor has ensured that all the required works have been undertaken to make sure the new school is suitable and ready. The school's policies and procedures accurately reflect the proposed new premises.
- Leaders plan to admit pupils to the school from April 2026. They have appropriate arrangements in place to do so, including the recruitment of staff.
- Leaders demonstrate a secure knowledge of the independent school standards as well as the statutory guidance related to safeguarding.
- The school is likely to meet the standards in this part 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	150221
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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 category	Independent day school
Proprietor	Gerson Berger
Headteacher	Nessanel Lieberman
Annual fees (day pupils)	None
Telephone number	020 3633 8042
Website	None
Email address	office@clockhouseschool.co.uk

Information about this school

- The school is an independent Orthodox Jewish day school for boys. It is registered to admit up to 222 pupils aged 3 to 11.
- A pre-registration inspection of the school took place on 11 September 2024.
- There have been no pupils on roll since the school registered. This is because the school's plans to use its original premises at 112 Cazenove Road, London N16 6AD did not materialise. Since then, the proprietor has acquired new premises at 149 Stamford Hill, London N16 5LG which were the subject of this material change inspection visit. The school has also made a separate request to the DfE to change the school's name from Talmud Torah Yetev Lev D'Rabbeinu Yoel to Clockhouse Primary School. The school's proposed change in name to Clockhouse Primary School was agreed by DfE in December 2025.
- At the time of this material change inspection, there were no pupils on roll. The proprietor intends to admit its first intake of pupils in April 2026.
- The school does not make use of alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

- This material change inspection was commissioned by the Department for Education because the school intends to move to different premises at a new address. Inspectors checked the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards in Parts 3, 5 and 8.
- This was the school's first material change inspection.
- Inspectors met with the proprietor, the headteacher and the school's independent consultant. They also met with members of staff responsible for health and safety and site maintenance. Inspectors met with the headteacher in his role of designated safeguarding lead to discuss the arrangements for keeping pupils safe.
- Inspectors toured all parts of the school and reviewed a range of documentation related to health and safety, risk assessments, fire safety and safeguarding.

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