

Manchester Junior Girls' School

Independent school progress report

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Purpose and scope of the visit

This inspection visit was carried out by Ofsted under Section 162A of the Education Act 2002¹, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005².

The visit was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

Information about the school

Manchester Junior Girls' School was founded in September 1993 in response to demand for additional places for Orthodox Jewish education for girls in the area. The school is a primary school and nursery providing a Jewish and general education to girls aged three to 11 years from the local Jewish community. The National Curriculum programmes of study for English, mathematics and science are followed in broad outline for Years 1-6. The nursery is on a separate site but is an integral part of the school. Childcare provision is available on the nursery site for children aged from birth to three years and this is managed by a separate independent provider. The school aims: *'to equip girls with the academic skills needed to move confidently into the local Jewish High Schools, and to develop in each girl a deep appreciation for, and a joy in the practice of, the Jewish religion, as laid down by the Torah.'*

Context of the visit

The school was last inspected in December 2008, when it met all the regulations except for that relating to the standard and maintenance of decoration in the old building, a large Victorian house. The school agreed to carry out refurbishments by 25 August 2009. This is the first monitoring visit since that date.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The school has not made satisfactory progress in implementing its action plan and now fails to meet a number of further requirements.

The school has carried out repairs to the roof of the entrance area in the old building to prevent water ingress and has redecorated that area. The hallway, reception classrooms and offices have been repainted and the school has a rolling maintenance programme. However, the wall and ceiling paper in some of the top floor rooms, redecorated in summer 2008, is already peeling. The school does not now comply with the requirement that all flooring should be in good condition. Some carpets on

¹ www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga_20020032_en_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162

² www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga_20050018_en_15#sch8

the top floor, including the dining room, are dirty and are worn and uneven in places. The school accepts that its current maintenance regime does not offer a long-term solution and will now consider replacing wallpaper and carpets with more suitable low-maintenance materials.

A number of further regulatory failures were identified on this inspection. Although the child protection officer has received training, this was not a two-day multi-agency course as required.

The admission register, which is held electronically, does not allow for the recording of particulars of both parents or carers where they do not live at the same address or for an indication of which is the primary carer.

The single central register, which is also held electronically, contains all the necessary checks but does not record by whom and on what date they were carried out.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

As a result of this inspection visit, the school must take action to meet the Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2003³ as amended ('the Regulations'), as follows:

- ensure that the child protection officer receives appropriate training in compliance with DCSF guidance Safeguarding children and safer recruitment in education (DCSF-04217-2006) (paragraph 3(2)(b))
- ensure that the admission register contains all the required information in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 (paragraph 3(9))
- ensure that the single central register contains all the required information, evidenced and checked (paragraphs 4(C)(2) and (3) and 4C(6) and (7))
- improve the standard of maintenance and decoration in the old school building (paragraph 5(q))
- ensure that all flooring is in good condition (paragraph 5(s)).

³

www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2003/20031910.htm

School details

Name of school	Manchester Junior Girls' School
DCSF number	355/6027
Unique reference number	106003
Type of school	Jewish
Status	Independent
Date school opened	1993
Age range of pupils	3-11 years
Gender of pupils	Girls
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	196
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	9
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational need	3
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,700
Address of school	64 Upper Park Road Salford Manchester Lancashire M7 4JA
Telephone number	0161 7400566
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