

# Beis Rochel d'Satmar 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 2002<sup>1</sup>, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005<sup>2</sup>.

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

Beis Rochel d'Satmar Girls' School is an independent day school for girls aged two to 17 years in the London Borough of Hackney. It is owned and maintained by the Satmar Charitable Trust and serves girls from the strictly orthodox Jewish communities of Stamford Hill and Stoke Newington. At the time of the inspection there were 957 pupils on roll. The majority of pupils in the school are from the Satmar community, but there are also girls from other Chassidic communities and Yemen. The majority of girls come from bilingual homes where both Yiddish and English are spoken. The school caters for a community that is insular and the girls have no access to radio, television or the internet. The school is accommodated on two sites. Older pupils occupy purpose-built premises on Amhurst Park. Younger pupils are housed at Cazenove Road; Nursery and Reception children are in refurbished accommodation, whilst Year 1 has new purpose-built accommodation.

## Context of the visit

The school was last inspected on 25-26 November 2008. An action plan was produced that addressed the issues that arose from the inspection and this was evaluated on 9 April 2009. The proposed actions were found to be unclear and unspecific. The action plan and the actions taken were judged to be unsatisfactory and the action plan needed to be improved and resubmitted. Consequently, the school submitted documents confirming actions taken. This monitoring visit took place on 13 January 2010. Its aim was to ascertain the school's progress in meeting the requirements.

## Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The previous inspection highlighted that the school's child protection policy was inadequate and that the designated persons in each department had not all completed the required training. Attendance registers were not completed according

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<sup>1</sup> [www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga\\_20020032\\_en\\_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga_20020032_en_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162)

<sup>2</sup> [www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga\\_20050018\\_en\\_15#sch8](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga_20050018_en_15#sch8)

to regulations and not all staff had Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) disclosures. There was no hot running water in the Early Years Foundation Stage building.

The child protection policy has been updated and all staff are aware of child protection procedures. The designated persons have attended the relevant training.

Attendance registers are now completed according to requirements.

Recruitment procedures meet regulations. CRB disclosures are in place for all members of the staff. However, the trustees of the Satmar Charitable Trust who are the proprietors of the school have not been subjected to enhanced CRB checks.

A new boiler and hot water system were installed in the Early Years Foundation Stage building at the end of December 2008. Hot running water, adjusted for the safety of the pupils, is available throughout this building.

During this monitoring visit it has been confirmed that almost all of the issues raised at the time of the last inspection have been successfully addressed. The school produced an action plan that addressed these issues. The school now meets most of the regulations except that the chair of the proprietorial body and the proprietors have not been subjected to enhanced CRB checks and the single central record thus lacks information about these checks.

## 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 2003<sup>3</sup> as amended ('the Regulations'), as follows:

- ensure the chair of the proprietorial body is subject to an enhanced CRB check (paragraph 4B(2) and (3))
- ensure the proprietors are subject to enhanced CRB checks (paragraph 4B(4) and (5))
- ensure in relation to each member of a body of persons named as the proprietor, the single central register shows whether a check was made of whether an enhanced CRB check was carried out and certificate obtained and the date on which any check was completed or the certificate was obtained (paragraph 4C(6) and (7)).

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<sup>3</sup> [www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2003/20031910.htm](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2003/20031910.htm)

## School details

Name of school	Beis Rochel d'Satmar Girls' school		
DCSF number	204/6296		
Unique reference number	100293		
Type of school	Independent Jewish Girls' school		
Status	Independent		
Date school opened	25 October 1965		
Age range of pupils	2-17		
Gender of pupils	Girls		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 0	Girls: 957	Total: 957
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational need	Boys: 0	Girls: 2	Total: 2
Annual fees (day pupils)	£ NIL		
Address of school	51-57 Amhurst Park, London N16 5DL		
Telephone number	0208 800 9060		
Fax number	0208 809 7069		
Email address	N/A		
Headteacher	Mrs G Smus (Administrator)		
Proprietor	Satmar Charitable trust		
Reporting inspector	Chanan Tomlin		
Dates of inspection	13 January 2010		