

# 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 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

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's last full inspection was in December 2008. A number of requirements were not met. A progress monitoring visit took place in November 2009 after which an action plan was formulated. A second follow-up progress visit to the school took place in March 2010 when five of the regulations were still not met. This is the third monitoring visit to the school to check the progress made in implementing the action plan.

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

At the last progress monitoring visit there were five regulations still not met and progress in implementing the action plan was deemed to be unsatisfactory. The child protection officer had not received appropriate training. The admission register did not provide for parents who live at different addresses or record which of these parents would be the primary carer. The single central register of checks on staff, although containing all the necessary checks, did not record by whom and on what

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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)

date they were carried out. Decoration and flooring in the old building were in poor condition and pipework was exposed in the Reception washroom.

In order to improve, the school arranged for the child protection officer to have two-day multi-agency child protection training and undertook to ensure that the single central register was extended to include all the required information. A review of decoration, maintenance and flooring in the old building was undertaken and quotations were sought from various providers to carry out the work.

The child protection officer has now undertaken the two-day multi-agency training for child protection. The admission register has been upgraded to include details, should it be necessary, of parents who live at different addresses and will also record who is the primary carer. The single central register of staff checks now includes details of who carried out the checks and the dates when checks were carried out.

The carpeting in the old building is now appropriate. The dining hall has been re-carpeted, loose tiles outside the staff cloakrooms have been restored and one room with poor flooring has been placed out of bounds while its flooring is being upgraded. Carpet on the stairs is now safe. The standard of maintenance and decoration in the old school building is now acceptable. The foyer area has been redecorated. One room with poor decoration has been placed out of bounds until it can be refurbished. Pipes in the Reception washroom have now been boxed in.

## Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school has made good progress and now meets all regulatory requirements.

## School details

Name of school	Manchester Junior Girls' School
DCSF number	355/6027
Unique reference number (URN)	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 of pupils with a statement of special educational need	Girls: 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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