

Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain The Welsh School, London

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

Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain (The Welsh School, London) is an independent school for boys and girls aged between four and 11 years. It was established in 1958 and moved to its present location at Stonebridge Primary School in Brent in 2004. The school is run by a board of directors (the proprietorial body) on behalf of The Welsh School Trust. The school's principal aim is to 'provide bilingual Welsh education outside of Wales'. There are currently 30 full-time pupils on roll and a further six pupils attend each Friday. Most children join the Reception class from the pre-school group that meets on the same site: this is run by a separate provider. At present, four children from the pre-school group are attending the school for two afternoons a week in preparation for starting full time in Reception next term. There are two full-time teachers and one part-time teacher, supported by one full-time and one part-time classroom support staff. Parents and other volunteers undertake lunchtime duties and support pupils in lessons and on visits. The school was inspected in March 2009. There have been a number of staff changes since the inspection, including the appointment of the present headteacher, who took up her post in September 2009.

Context of the visit

The inspection in March 2009 identified a number of regulations that were not met. The school drew up an action plan to address these and this was evaluated and approved in August 2009. A monitoring visit took place in November 2009 to check the school's progress in implementing its action plan. Although some progress had been made, a number of regulations remained unmet. In response, the school drew up a further action plan which was approved in February 2010. The purpose of this second progress monitoring visit was to check the progress the school has made in implementing its revised action plan.

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

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The inspection in March 2009 identified that the school did not make the required checks when appointing staff and accepting offers of help in school from volunteers. The monitoring visit in November 2009 found that, while the school made the checks required prior to the appointment of staff, it failed to follow consistently the correct procedures in respect of volunteers. The school has addressed this shortcoming and all requirements are now met.

The inspection also found that the required checks were not made on the proprietorial body. This regulation remained unmet at the time of the November 2009 visit: although some checks had been made on some members of the proprietorial body, others had not. This has been rectified and all the requirements are now met.

The single central register for staff, volunteers and the proprietorial body is now complete and meets all requirements. As a result, the welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage are also now fully met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school has made good progress and now meets all regulatory requirements and those for the Early Years Foundation Stage.

School details

Name of school	Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain The Welsh School, London		
DCSF number	304/6065		
Unique reference number	101573		
Type of school	Primary		
Status	Independent		
Date school opened	1958		
Age range of pupils	4–11 years		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 13	Girls: 17	Total: 30
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	Boys: 1	Girls: 5	Total: 6
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational need	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,400		
Address of school	c/o Stonebridge Primary School Shakespeare Avenue London NW10 8NG		
Telephone number	020 8965 3585		
Fax number	020 8965 3585		
Email address	cymraeg@llundain.freemove.co.uk		
Headteacher	Mrs Menna George		
Proprietor	The London Welsh School Trust Limited		
Reporting inspector	Michael Best		
Dates of inspection	26 April 2010		