

Promised Land Academy

Independent school progress report

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Reporting inspector	Michael Best

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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

Promised Land Academy is an independent co-educational Christian school located in the London Borough of Newham. It opened in 2005 and is registered for pupils aged from 4 to 16. Pupils have diverse cultural heritages and all have English as their first language. The school is part of the Christian Education Europe (CEE) network. It uses the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) curriculum and this is supplemented by other subjects taught in the afternoon. It is a requirement of entry that the families of the pupils are Christians and a high level of involvement is expected from parents and carers. The school seeks to: 'Glorify God by preparing students for a useful and productive Christ-like life by providing a Bible-based education with a staff who are committed Christians.'

Context of the visit

The school was last inspected by Ofsted in October 2009 when one regulation was found not to be met. The school submitted an action plan to address this to the Department, which was evaluated in May 2010. This is the first monitoring visit to check the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The inspection in October 2009 found that the school's policies and procedures for child protection were insufficiently detailed to give clear guidance to staff. The school submitted an action plan, which was evaluated in May 2010 and judged to be satisfactory. The school's revised child protection policy seen on this visit addresses some of the requirements for compliance with the Department's requirements. However, there remain a significant number of omissions of required guidance for staff, details of which have been brought to the attention of the school.

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

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:

- prepare policies and procedures to safeguard pupils that are sufficiently detailed to give clear guidance to staff (paragraph 3(2)(b)).

³ www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2003/20031910.htm

School details

Name of school	Promised Land Academy		
DCSF number	316/6068		
Unique reference number (URN)	131031		
Type of school	Christian Day School		
Status	Independent		
Date school opened	2005		
Age range of pupils	4–16		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 7	Girls: 9	Total: 16
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational need	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Number of pupils who are looked after	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,100 –£2,940		
Address of school	St Cedd's Hall Foster Road (off Whitwell Road) Plaistow London E13 8SR		
Telephone number	020 7473 3229		
Fax number	n/a		
Email address	admin@promisedlandacademy.org.uk		
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Proprietor	Mrs Shirley Coote		
Reporting inspector	Michael Best		
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