

# London Christian 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 as a progress monitoring visit to specifically check the school's compliance with the regulations for the suitability of the premises and the accommodation in its new location.

## Information about the school

London Christian School is an independent Christian school which opened in September 2007 for boys and girls aged 3 to 11 years. The school moved to its present accommodation in September 2009. There are currently 28 pupils on roll, aged 3 to 7 years, in three classes. Admission is by interview. The school aims to 'provide schooling that corresponds with the educational desires and responsibilities of parents, and which works towards the development of the whole child in a dynamic, loving and purposeful community'.

## Context of the visit

The school was last inspected by Ofsted in November 2008. Only one requirement, relating to the provision of appropriate facilities for pupils who are ill, was not met and the school prepared an action plan in December 2008 to address this. This action plan became obsolete in September 2009 when the school moved to its current premises. This is the first visit to the school since the last inspection. It focused on the suitability of the new premises.

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

The school is now housed in purpose-designed accommodation in an effective transformation of an established building. The school uses three of the four floors available. The fourth floor is awaiting refurbishment later this year and there are plans to construct a secure play area on the roof during 2011. The building's conversion provides bright, airy and generously-sized classrooms, together with a hall, library and computer suite; all are very well equipped and furnished. The toilet facilities are very well appointed and plentiful, and meet requirements for the age of the pupils who currently attend the school. The facilities for pupils who are ill meet requirements, and there are suitable office facilities and a good-sized staff room.

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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)

There is a small paved area at the enclosed back of the premises which is readily accessed from the lower ground floor classrooms where the youngest children are accommodated. This provides sufficient space for young children's outside play. This area is also used by older pupils at break times on a timetabled basis. The school makes regular use of a nearby park for pupils' recreation at lunchtimes. As a result, the provision is satisfactory for the registered number and age of the school's pupils.

There is no preparation of food on the premises, with staff and children bringing their own snacks and lunches. The school has exclusive use of the premises and the only after-hours use is when pupils hold their birthday parties in the school hall or when there are meetings for parents. The school is extremely tidy, well maintained and cleaned to a high standard. There is a good balance between carpeted and multi-purpose floored areas, all of which are of a high quality. The lighting, acoustics and the fire alarm system all meet the latest standards.

The school roll has increased significantly since the last inspection and this upward trend is projected to continue as pupils enter and move through Key Stage 2. The school is aware of the implications of having these older pupils in the school, such as the provision of separate toilets for boys and girls, and in providing adjustable seating in the computer suite.

## Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets all regulatory requirements for the suitability of the premises and the accommodation (Standard 5).

## School details

Name of school	London Christian School		
DCSF number	210/6397		
Unique reference number (URN)	135409		
Type of school	Christian primary school		
Status	Independent		
Date school opened	September 2007		
Age range of pupils	3-11 years		
Gender of pupils	Mixed		
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 17	Girls: 11	Total: 28
Number on roll (part-time pupils)	Boys: 0	Girls: 1	Total: 1
Number of pupils with a statement of special educational need	Boys: 0	Girls: 0	Total: 0
Annual fees (day pupils)	£ 5,700		
Address of school	40 Tabard Street London SE1 4JU		
Telephone number	020 3130 6430		
Fax number	020 3130 6449		
Email address	mail@londonchristianschool.com		
Headteacher	Miss Georgina Hale		
Proprietor	Rev. Christopher Fishlock, Rev. Paul Clarke, Mr Nick Margesson		
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