

Green Crescent Primary School

Green Academy, Queensberry Street, Nottingham, NG6 0DG

Inspection dates

24 April 2014

Context of the inspection

This inspection was undertaken at the request of the Department for Education registration authority for independent schools, in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan.

The school's first inspection took place in November 2011, when it met all requirements. An emergency inspection was conducted in October 2013 following concerns reported by a fire officer. The fire officer issued the school with a 'Notice of Deficiencies', which outlined actions the school must take to improve fire safety. The school submitted an action plan in response to the findings of the emergency inspection in January 2014. Shortcomings were identified in the action plan in relation to providing evidence of work being completed.

This is the first visit to the school to follow up its progress in implementing the action plan.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Regulations not met

Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety Order) 2005 (paragraph 13).

The inspection in October 2013 found that the school did not fully comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Concerns were raised about the school's continuing use of portable heaters and failure to review the emergency lighting on escape routes, in stairwells and in toilets. It was unclear as to whether the alarm system met the latest safety requirements and the school did not have a service and maintenance contract for the alarm. In its action plan, the school indicated that it would ensure compliance by 30 January 2014.

As a result of implementing its action plan the school has fully addressed the issues raised. Portable heaters are no longer used within the classrooms and the one remaining heater in the headteacher's office is fixed in place. Emergency lighting and a new alarm system have been installed, and a service and maintenance contract is in place.

As a result of extensive on-going building work, a second visit by the fire officer on 19 March 2014 identified additional areas of non-compliance relating to this work. A further visit by the fire officer is to be carried out. The original Notice of Fire Safety Deficiencies remains in place until such time. Therefore the regulation is not met.

Premises and accommodation of schools

Ensure that the schools accommodation and facilities are maintained to a sufficient standard to ensure the health, safety and welfare of pupils, as far as reasonably practical (paragraph 23C).

The inspection in October 2013 found that in some classrooms, toilets and the food server area the walls and painted surfaces were in a poor state of repair. Some sinks did not have warm running water, some glass panels were cracked or chipped and there were missing ceiling tiles. A number of taps in the toilets were poorly maintained and there were insufficient toilet rolls or washing pots for pupils in the toilets.

The school has repaired and repainted all walls and surfaces identified as being in a poor state. Missing tiles have been replaced in the classrooms, toilets and food server area. The toilets have been repainted, a new boiler has been installed and all sinks now have warm running water. Damaged glass panels have been replaced or covered in safety film, damaged ceilings have been repaired and missing ceiling tiles replaced. Taps in the boys' toilets have been replaced and sufficient toilet rolls and washing pots are now in all the pupils' toilets.

During this progress monitoring visit it was noted that pupils could access rooms on the lower ground level that are currently part of the extensive refurbishment programme. Consequently, there is a risk to pupils' health and safety and the regulation is not met.

Ensure that the lighting in each room or other internal space is suitable, having regard to the nature of the activities which normally take place in them (paragraph 23E(a)).

The inspection in October 2013 found that lighting in the toilets was damaged or not working. As a result there was insufficient light. The school has installed new lights. Lighting is now suitable and in good working order so that the regulation is now met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school requires improvement and must take action to meet The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010 ('the Regulations'), and associated requirements

The school should comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Paragraph 13

The school should ensure that the school's accommodation and facilities are maintained to a sufficient standard to ensure the health, safety and welfare of pupils, as far as is reasonably practical. Paragraph 23C

Inspection team

Kathryn Gethin, Lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

Information about this school

- This is a non-selective school which promotes a Muslim ethos. All pupils attending the school originate from Muslim families, but the school is happy to accept pupils from any faith.
- The school admits children in the Early Years Foundation Stage through to Year 6. Pupils in the Early Years Foundation Stage are educated on the school's site at Leen Place. Pupils in Years 1 to 6 are educated on the school's new site on Queensberry Street, Basford.
- The new site is a two-storey building which was previously a local authority maintained school. It is situated in a residential area, adjacent to a mosque. The building is currently being refurbished and pupils are being educated in the upstairs classrooms.
- There are currently 57 pupils on roll in Years 1 to 6. No pupils have a statement of special educational needs.
- The school's aims include raising the children to be: 'committed balanced Muslims; knowledgeable scholars and contributing citizens and community builders.'

School details

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Type of school	Muslim Primary School
School status	Independent School
Age range of pupils	4–11
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	57
Proprietor	Abdullah Khan
Headteacher	Mutiullah Khan
Date of previous school inspection	30 October 2013
Annual fees (day pupils)	£1,500
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