

TLG North Birmingham

610 Kingstanding Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham, West Midlands B44 9SH

Inspection date

29 November 2018

Overall outcome

The school meets all of the independent school standards that were checked during this inspection

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraphs 7, 7(a) and 7(b)

- Leaders have ensured that appropriate safeguarding policies are displayed on the website that have regard to the most recent guidance from the Secretary of State.
- Leaders have provided effective training for staff in safeguarding issues. Staff can describe well how to deal with and record safeguarding issues that may arise and who to contact. They are familiar with the most recent statutory guidance documents.
- Staff supervise pupils well and care about their safety. Pupils say that they feel safe.
- These standards are met.

Paragraph 12

- Health and safety and fire safety policies are displayed on the website, setting out guidance that complies with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- Leaders and the centre manager undertake a fire risk assessment yearly and take appropriate actions where necessary to improve fire safety.
- The headteacher appropriately records the weekly, monthly, termly and yearly safety checks on fire equipment and the safety of the building. The centre manager or caretaker and school leaders complete the logs. School leaders liaise well with the centre manager to keep pupils and staff safe from fire.
- Leaders make sure that staff are well trained in health and safety issues and in maintaining a safe environment for pupils. Staff know their roles and responsibilities in the event of a fire alarm.
- Leaders are vigilant and ensure that no fire exit is blocked by the parking of cars by the general public.
- Half-termly fire practices ensure that staff and pupils know what to do to keep themselves safe in the event of fire. In the unlikely event that a pupil is not accompanied by an adult, pupils know how to exit the building and find the assembly point.

- Leaders from the education centre development team within TLG, based in the National Support Centre in Bradford, visit the school at least termly. This is often the safeguarding lead for the organisation. In addition, a leader from the core team at senior leadership level of TLG visits annually. This is often the operations director.
- This standard is met.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 25

- The centre manager and school leaders ensure that the building is well maintained and that fire escape routes are free from obstructions.
- Four emergency fire exits enable fast exit from the building. Signage to these exits is clear. Pupils and staff have no difficulty in opening fire exits quickly.
- All rooms display fire safety information for staff and pupils. Fire extinguishers are easily accessed from all areas. A fire blanket is provided in the kitchen.
- An outside company checks fire safety equipment yearly.
- Emergency lighting ensures that, in the event of a power failure, exit route signage remains lit.
- All rooms and corridors have button press fire alarms that staff and pupils can access easily.
- Fire doors are kept closed and operated by an electronic fob system. Door-locks release automatically when the fire alarm is activated.
- The school is housed in a one-storey building. The exterior of the building does not have aluminium composite material (ACM) cladding. As a result, there is no risk from fire in this respect.
- This standard is met.

Part 6. Provision of information

Paragraph 32(1)(c)

- Leaders have ensured that an up-to-date safeguarding policy is displayed on the school's website along with a health and safety policy and a fire safety policy. Consequently, parents and carers know how the school keeps their children safe.
- This standard is met.

Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010

- A three-year accessibility plan outlines the steps TLG North Birmingham will take to ensure that all users can access and use the centre comfortably and safely. It demonstrates plans to enable all pupils to have equal access to the curriculum.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that were checked during this inspection. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

School details

Unique reference number	135608
DfE registration number	330/6129
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This inspection was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's suitability for continued registration as an independent school.

Type of school	Other Independent School
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	12 to 16
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	8
Of which, number on roll in sixth form	0
Number of part-time pupils	8
Proprietor	TLG The Education Charity
Chair	Tim Morfin
Headteacher	James Birchenough
Annual fees (day pupils)	£2,713 (2 days attendance per week)
Telephone number	0121 314 5587
Website	www.tlgnorthbirmingham.org.uk
Email address	tlgnbirminghamoffice@tlg.org.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	3–5 October 2017

Information about this school

- TLG North Birmingham is one of a group of schools run by the Christian charity TLG The Education Charity.
- The school provides part-time education for pupils between the ages of 12 and 16 and is registered by the Department for Education (DfE) to accommodate up to 12 pupils. It operates from a community centre in the Kingstanding area of Birmingham, West Midlands.
- Pupils are referred to TLG North Birmingham mainly by local secondary schools, with some referred by the local authority. There are currently eight pupils on the roll. All pupils are dual registered with their referring school and attend TLG North Birmingham part time, for either two or four days per week. The referring school retains the statutory responsibility to ensure that pupils receive full-time education and their full entitlement to the curriculum.
- The headteacher has been in post since September 2016.
- Pupils attending TLG North Birmingham typically have a range of social, emotional and mental health difficulties and have either been excluded or are at risk of exclusion from their previous setting. Some pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities have an education, health and care plan.
- The school aims to address the individual social, emotional and learning needs of its young people by developing their self-esteem and teaching them to make appropriate choices. This is to enable them to reintegrate into school or continue into further education and employment.
- The school does not use any alternative providers.
- The school was first registered by the DfE in June 2008.
- The last standard inspection took place in October 2017. The school's overall effectiveness was judged to be good.

Information about this inspection

- This inspection was commissioned by the DfE because the school had not responded to a DfE survey about fire safety and ACM cladding in July 2017.
- The inspector held meetings with the headteacher and the community centre caretaker as well as with two members of staff and two pupils.
- The inspector toured the premises, accompanied by the headteacher and two pupils, to check for fire safety and the possibility of fast exit from the building in the event of fire.
- The inspector scrutinised a variety of safeguarding documents, as well as health and safety documents displayed on the school website, to check compliance with the independent school standards.
- The inspector reviewed the school's special educational needs policy displayed on the website to check details about the school's accessibility policy.
- The inspector examined information about the leadership of TLG nationally.
- The inspector scrutinised the logging of fire safety checks by the school management to check compliance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Inspection team

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