

Islamic Preparatory School Wolverhampton

197 Waterloo Road, Dunstall Hill, Wolverhampton WV1 4RA

Inspection dates

25 September 2019

Overall outcome

The school does not meet 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), 7(b), 32(1) and 32(1)(c)

- The school does not have a website. During the inspection the lead inspector was unable to gain access to the school. Therefore, she was unable to check if the school has, and implements, a suitable safeguarding policy that considers current government requirements.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraphs 34(1), 34(1)(a) and 34(1)(b)

- The proprietor, who is also the headteacher, informed the Department for Education (DfE) that the school had closed. This notification was received by the DfE on 23 September 2019.
- The lead inspector met with the proprietor outside the school. The proprietor stated that 11 pupils receive four hours a day of tuition delivered from Monday to Thursday. The proprietor also stated that as the school is providing tuition it does not need to be registered with the DfE and, therefore, should not be inspected. The lead inspector was denied entry to the school during this inspection.
- The fire exit at the rear of the school was blocked by two large vehicles. This would impede the exit of pupils from the school building in the event of an emergency.
- During the inspection pupils were observed entering and leaving the school building. A tutor from the school confirmed that 11 pupils receive 16 hours of education at the school each week. Therefore, it is likely that the pupils receive the majority of their education at this school.
- From the available evidence during this inspection, it would appear that the school is still operating. This contradicts the information sent to the DfE by the proprietor.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school does not meet 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, as set out in the annex of this report. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

School details

Unique reference number	134422
DfE registration number	336/6024
Inspection number	10119184

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	4 to 13
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	11
Of which, number on roll in sixth form	0
Number of part-time pupils	Unknown
Proprietor	Rashid Ahmed Raja
Chair	Unknown
Headteacher	Mr Rashid Raja
Annual fees (day pupils)	Unknown
Telephone number	01902 710473
Website	The school does not have a website
Email address	raraja@hotmail.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	5–7 February 2019

Information about this school

- The headteacher stated that the school is closed.
- The headteacher stated that the school provides four hours a day of tuition for 11 pupils, delivered from Monday to Thursday.
- Information from the government's website 'Get Information About Schools' states that

the school is an Islamic day school for boys and girls. It is part of the Wolverhampton Mosque Trust. The school is situated in a converted Victorian residential building on the same site as Wolverhampton Central Mosque.

- The school is registered for pupils aged four to 13. The current age range of pupils could not be confirmed during this inspection.
- No information was obtained about whether any current pupils have special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- No information was obtained about the staff, including whether any staff have overall responsibility for safeguarding procedures in the school.
- The school's last full standard inspection was in February 2019. The school was judged to be inadequate. The action plan that was produced after that inspection was also found to be unacceptable.

Information about this inspection

- The school had informed the DfE that it had closed at the end of the summer term 2019. This inspection was commissioned by the DfE to establish if this is the case.
- The inspection was conducted without notice
- The inspector was denied access to the school premises.
- The inspector met with the proprietor and a tutor outside the school building.
- The inspector observed pupils arriving and leaving the school building.
- The inspector reviewed the exterior of the school building.
- The inspector reviewed a range of documentation prior to the inspection, including: previous Ofsted reports, the Ofsted review of the school's action plan, local authority safeguarding information, media reports and a previous complaint.
- There were insufficient responses to Ofsted's online questionnaire, Parent View, to conduct an analysis. The inspector did not speak with pupils, parents or carers.

Inspection team

Ann Pritchard, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

Annex. Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school does not meet the following independent school standards

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

- 34(1) The standard about the quality of leadership and management is met if the proprietor ensures that persons with leadership and management responsibilities at the school—
 - 34(1)(a) demonstrate good skills and knowledge appropriate to their role so that the independent school standards are met consistently;
 - 34(1)(b) fulfil their responsibilities effectively so that the independent school standards are met consistently;

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