

Rainbow Montessori School

13 Woodchurch Road, London NW6 3PL

Inspection dates

29 June 2016

Overall outcome

Independent school standards met

Context of the inspection

- The school received an unannounced emergency inspection in July 2015 and a follow-up visit in October 2015 at the request of the Department for Education.
- The October inspection found that the school did not meet two of the requirements relating to the premises and accommodation.
- The Department for Education wrote to the school in February 2016 to confirm that the action plan it had submitted in January 2016 to remedy the situation had been approved.
- This inspection was the school's first progress monitoring inspection since the emergency inspections in July and October 2015 and was conducted without notice.
- The inspection focused on the school's progress in those parts of the action plan relating to Part 5 and 8 of the independent school standards.
- The inspector met with the director and headteacher and conducted a tour of the school site.

Main findings

Premises of and accommodation at schools

- At the time of the last inspection, the school had not ensured that toilet facilities were located near to the medical room. Inspection of the medical room confirmed that this aspect has been rectified and the school meets the requirements.
- Also, at the last inspection it was found that the school did not provide showers or suitable changing facilities for pupils aged 11 years or over for use after physical education. Inspection of the shower and changing facilities confirmed that suitable showers have been provided so that the school now meets the requirements.
- The school now meets all the requirements for this standard.

Quality of leadership in and management of schools

- The director and the headteacher have ensured that all the independent school standards concerned with the premises are now met so that all the requirements for this standard are also now met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 and associated requirements.

Inspection team

David Scott, lead Inspector

Ofsted Inspector

Information about this school

- Rainbow Montessori School is an independent, co-educational day school for pupils aged from four to 12 years. It opened in 1982. There are 49 pupils on roll, most of whom live locally. There are 16 children in the early years, 10 of whom are in receipt of government funding. The school serves a diverse community. Many pupils speak English as an additional language but few are at an early stage of learning English. A small number of pupils have been identified as having special educational needs.
- The school is located in West Hampstead, in the London Borough of Camden, in a detached Victorian house. It is part of a group that, along with the junior school, includes three nursery settings in West Hampstead, Highgate and Queens Park. Many of the children attending these nurseries move on to the junior school. The school aims to bring the best out of each child 'to fulfil their potential both in academic and human terms.'

School details

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Type of school	Montessori day primary school
School status	Independent school
Age range of pupils	4–12
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	49
Number of part time pupils	0
Proprietor	John Madden
Chair	N/A
Headteacher	Sylvia Peternell
Date of previous school inspection	10 July 2015 and 20 October 2015
Annual fees (day pupils)	£11,550 to £11,712
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