

Directorate of Government Schools Reviews Short Monitoring Visit Report

Al-Jasra Primary Boys School Al-Jasra – Northern Governorate Kingdom of Bahrain

Date of first monitoring visit: 3 April 2017

Date of last review: 4-6 April 2016 SG003-C3-Ma017

Introduction

The monitoring visit of the school took place over one day, by a monitoring team from the Directorate of Government Schools Reviews (DGS) of the Education & Training Quality Authority (BQA) to verify the improvements that it enacted according to the recommendations of the last review visit. During the monitoring visit, improvement in students' performance is evaluated during the class observation, the learning walk, scrutiny of their written works and monitoring of general progress.

The Previous Judgement

• The school was judged "Inadequate" in the review visit which was conducted in April 2016.

Summary of the first monitoring results

The recommendations	The description		
Recommendation 1	Sufficient improvement		
Recommendation 2	Partial improvement		
Recommendation 3	Sufficient improvement		
Recommendation 4	Partial improvement		
Recommendation 5	Partial improvement		
Recommendation 6	Partial improvement		
The monitoring visit overall judgement	In progress		
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The overall outcomes of the visit

In order to have sufficient measures and improvements, the school is required to:

- Monitor the impact of the strategic plan on students' achievement, especially in Cycle two.
- Continue to monitor the impact of teachers' professional development programmes on the improvement of teaching and learning strategies by focusing on:
 - empowering students with the basic skills in the core subjects
 - employing variant and effective assessment methods
 - supporting students of different learning categories in lessons.
- Continue to support all students and meet their needs in the school's special programmes.
- Address the shortage in human resources; represented in two senior teachers for English and mathematics departments, and in facilities; represented in the lack of a Gym.

Additional remarks

• The school is required, in addition to the above mentioned, to address the shortage in a senior teacher for class teaching department.

Appendix 1: Basic Information about the School

The school name (Arabic)		الجسرة الابتدائية للبنين											
The school name (English)		Al-Jasra Primary Boys											
Year of establishment							19	959					
Address		Building 1066 - Road 431 - Block 1004											
Town / Village / Governorate		Al-Jasra/ Northern											
School's Contacts		17611141					Fax			17611640			
Grades (e.g. 1 to 12)		Primary			Middle			High					
		1-6				-				-			
Number of students		Boys		19	93	Girls		-		Total		193	
Students' social background		Most students are from middle income families											
Classes per grade	Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Classes	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Major recent changes in the school		• Appointing the school Principal and Assistant Principal in the school year 2016-2017.											

Appendix 2

Table 1: Judgement on how sufficient are the improvements in the recommendation

Judgement	Judgement Description
Sufficient Improvement	The school is making significant progress in addressing the recommendation. It has taken measures which have achieved great improvement linked to the recommendation which clearly resulted in improved performance, and positively impacted the outcomes.
Partial Improvement	The school is making inconsistent progress in addressing the recommendation. It has taken positive actions, which led to varying improvements in performance, and partially affected the outcomes.
Insufficient Improvement	The school does not achieve sufficient improvement in the recommendation. It was not successful in taking actions leading to appropriate improvement. There is a notable weakness that needs to be effectively and urgently addressed.

Table 2: The overall judgement of the school progress in the monitoring visit*

The Overall Judgement of Progress	Judgement Description
Sufficient Progress	The school has taken effective measures to bring about sufficient improvement in all of the recommendations.
In Progress	The school has taken several measures to bring about at least partial improvement in all of the recommendations. There are no recommendations with insufficient improvement
Insufficient Progress	The school has not brought about sufficient improvement in a single recommendation or more.

^{*} In case of insufficient measures linked to the recommendations related to the licensing/organizational body, and with the school taking the appropriate measures on its part, the overall progress judgement will not be affected, except with the issues related to health and safety.