

Press release: New charity investigation: Lantern of Knowledge Educational Trust

The Charity Commission has today confirmed that it has opened a statutory inquiry into the Lantern of Knowledge Educational Trust (1111331). The inquiry was opened on 17 February 2018.

The Commission's inquiry is examining the charity's general administration, governance and management by the trustees, including the management and supervision of staff at the school with access to children or young people. It will also examine the charity's policies and procedures, including those relating to safeguarding.

In a report into the school published by Ofsted in January 2018, the inspectorate concludes that "governors have not held school leaders to account for the decline in standards", and "have too readily accepted information from school leaders without insisting that it is rigorously analysed".

The opening of the inquiry follows engagement with the trustees and a compliance visit to the school's premises in November 2017.

The Commission has exercised its powers, under sections 47 and 52 of the Charities Act 2011, to compel the provision of information and records.

It is the Commission's intention, in accordance with its policy, to publish a report after it has concluded the inquiries, detailing what issues the inquiries looked at, what actions were undertaken and what the outcomes were. [Reports of previous inquiries](#) by the Commission are available on GOV.UK.

If there has been misconduct or mismanagement in a charity or the charity's beneficiaries, staff, property or assets are at risk, the Commission will take robust action to both protect these and deal with the failings either of its own motion and/or in collaboration with other agencies.

The charity's details can be viewed on the Commission's [online charity search tool](#).

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Notes to editors

1. Charity Commission is the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales. To find out more about our work, see our [annual report](#).
2. Search for charities on our [online register](#).
3. The Commission's role is as charity regulator to oversee charity trustees' compliance with charity law duties and responsibilities.
4. Section 46 of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission the power to

institute inquiries. The opening of an inquiry gives the Commission access to a range of investigative, protective and remedial legal powers.

5. The Commission does not investigate matters relating to education standards in schools; this is a matter for the DfE, Ofsted and/or other authorities.