

School Estate Strategy
Hackney Council
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Dear parents and carers

Update on the proposal to expand and relocate Holmleigh Primary School

We understand that the proposal to expand Holmleigh and relocate it to the Sir Thomas Abney site could be worrying for you and your family.

Schools are much more than just places for children to learn and we acknowledge the important role they play in the local community. This is why having to consider these changes is very difficult and not something we would propose if we felt that there were better options to create sustainable schools in the area in the medium to long term.

Increasing the size of Holmleigh Primary School and relocating it to the Sir Thomas Abney site would allow all the children from both schools to join together, creating a larger, more resilient and sustainable single school going forward.

A Language Resourced Provision (LRP) for up to 10 pupils would be added to Holmleigh, with the pupils currently in the LRP at Sir Thomas Abney able to transfer to this new provision.

This letter has information about

- The Parent Handbook and in-person support
- Reminder to respond during the statutory representation period

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On 6 February 2025 the council published a statutory notice explaining its intention to expand Holmleigh Primary School and add a Language Resourced Provision (LRP) for up to 10 pupils from September 2025.

A 28-day 'representation' period began on 6 February and closes at 5pm on 5 March. During this time parents, staff, and the wider community are invited to share their feedback or concerns before a final decision is made.

You are invited to make comments or object to the proposals until 5pm on Wednesday 5th of March. Anybody may object or make comments by:

- Visiting the Citizen Space website at consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/stat-notice-closure-merger (scan this QR code)
- emailing: school.sufficiency@hackney.gov.uk, or
- writing to: School Sufficiency & Estates Team, Hackney Council, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 1DY



SCAN to RESPOND

The feedback and concerns raised during this representation period will be considered by the Cabinet in April 2025 as they take the final decision about whether to implement these proposals.

The Parent Handbook and in-person support

The parent handbook is designed to guide you through the challenges and uncertainties that may arise as school changes are considered.

We know this uncertainty will feel challenging for families. Hackney Education and schools are working together to support children and families however, we know that you, the parents/carers, are key in providing support at this time.



SCAN for HANDBOOK

This handbook is designed to provide practical guidance and information for families affected by school reorganisation proposals.

The council will work with your school to arrange a coffee morning/after school drop-in during the spring term (at times that suit parents), providing information and an opportunity for parents to discuss how they would like to be supported. This will be followed by workshops that will provide support and practical advice to help families. Further details about these events will be shared by your child's school.

Yours faithfully,



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