

Consultation on the permanent expansion of Sir Thomas Abney Primary School from September 2016

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What is this proposal about?

Sir Thomas Abney Primary School is a mixed, non-denominational school situated in the North West of Hackney. The school currently admits 60 children each year, 2 forms of entry (FE). In the academic year 2014/15 the school admitted additional children to the Reception class and some building works took place to accommodate the additional children.

Hackney Learning Trust wants to know your views on a proposal to permanently expand Sir Thomas Abney Primary school from 1 September 2016, from a 2FE school (60 pupils admitted each year) to 3FE (90 pupils admitted each year). The school's nursery will also expand from a 1FE (25 pupils admitted each year) to 2FE, (50 pupils admitted each year).

This is your opportunity to let us know what you think about the proposal. This paper contains:

1. An explanation of the proposal
2. A response form for you to complete and return to us, letting us know your views.
3. Details of meetings for parents/carers and the wider community that will be arranged to help the consultation.

Please send your comments or completed questionnaire to:

Ian Hodges
Hackney Learning Trust
1 Reading Lane
London E8 1GQ

Or e-mail your comments or queries to: ian.hodges@learningtrust.co.uk

This stage of the consultation will close on Sunday 17 May 2015

If you have specific questions about the proposal please contact Ian Hodges on **020 8820 7510** or at ian.hodges@learningtrust.co.uk

This document and response form are also available online by visiting our website:
www.learningtrust.co.uk/consultations

School places in Hackney

The number of applications received by Hackney Learning Trust for reception places has increased each year since 2007. In order to deal with this increase, Hackney Learning Trust has provided additional bulge and permanent school places at popular and successful schools as part of its statutory duty.

Our projections show that Hackney will continue to receive high numbers of applications for reception places and we are continuing to make plans which will ensure that all children who need a school place, get one.

Sir Thomas Abney Primary School sits in an area of one of Europe's largest housing regeneration projects – Woodberry Down.

We would like to hear your views and comments on the proposal before a final decision is taken by the Local Authority.

Proposal for consultation

Sir Thomas Abney Primary School is a successful mixed, non-denominational community school in the North West of Hackney which admits 60 children each year. There has been substantial redevelopment of Woodberry Down Estate in recent years and it is projected that there will be demand for additional school places in this area in the future.

In order to meet this projected demand for places, Hackney Learning Trust would like to know your views on permanently expanding Sir Thomas Abney Primary school from 1 September 2016, to become a 3FE school (90 pupils admitted each year). The school currently admits 60 pupils each year (2FE). If the proposal is agreed, the school will be a full 3FE school by 2022. The school's nursery will also expand from a 1FE (25 pupils admitted each year) to 2FE (50 pupils admitted each year).

When and how will the proposals be implemented?

From 1 September 2016, the school will permanently admit 90 reception pupils each year and continue to do this until the school is full. Funding has been secured to deliver these additional places. If the proposal is agreed, architect and design teams will work closely with the school's management and staff, to ensure that the design meets the school's needs. Once the design is agreed, a planning application will be submitted and this will be the subject of a separate planning consultation process.

Next steps and proposed timetable for the proposal

This consultation will run from Monday 20 April to Sunday 17 May 2015 and will include drop in sessions for parents and the local community.

Consultation Drop-in Sessions

Venue	Audience	Date	Time
Sir Thomas Abney Primary School Fairholt Road, London N16 5ED	Parents' morning	Tuesday 28 April 2015	9am – 10am
	Parents' evening	Tuesday 05 May 2015	5pm – 6pm
Sir Thomas Abney Primary School Fairholt Road, London N16 5ED	Wider Community	Tuesday 12 May 2015	5pm – 6pm

The sessions set out above will be arranged as a 'drop-in' where people can arrive at any time within the hours advertised and speak individually to Hackney Learning Trust staff and complete response forms. Separate meetings can be arranged with staff at the school and Trade Unions upon request.

Who will be consulted?

We aim to consult with as many people and interested groups as possible. The list below provides a summary of the main groups.

- Pupils on roll at the school
- Parents / Carers
- Staff
- School Governors
- Hackney schools
- Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Trade Unions
- Hackney Councillors
- Hackney MPs
- London Diocesan Board for Schools
- Westminster Diocese Education Service
- Woodberry Down Regeneration Team
- Interlink network for the Jewish Community
- Local children centres
- Homerton NHS Trust

Hackney Learning Trust welcomes views from all stakeholders on the proposal set out in this booklet. All views expressed during this consultation will be reported to and considered by the Local Authority. This is likely to take place on **Friday 5 June 2015**.

Decision Making Process

Date	Action
20 April – 17 May 2015	Consultation period including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Circulation of consultation paper to stakeholders ▪ Drop in sessions with key stakeholders
05 June 2015	The Local Authority (LA) considers the responses to the consultation.
If a decision is made to continue with the proposal, then	
22 June – 19 July 2015	Publication of a statutory notice and a statutory four week period for comments and objections to the proposal
11 or 25 September 2015	The LA meets to consider the proposal.
Within four weeks of the date of the decision	<p>The following bodies have the right of objection to the Schools Adjudicator if they disagree with the LA's decision.</p> <p>The local Church of England Diocese The Bishop of the Local Roman Catholic Diocese; The Governing Bodies of the school concerned.</p>

Consultation Response Form

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Please return to Ian Hodges by Sunday 17 May 2015

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Email: ian.hodges@learningtrust.co.uk

Name of person responding:

Please tick boxes as appropriate:

- ☐ Interest in Sir Thomas Abney Primary School
- ☐ Pupil at the school
- ☐ Member of staff at the school
- ☐ Parent of a child at the school
- ☐ Governor at the school
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Please comment on the proposal below using additional paper if required. You may respond electronically, if you have access to the internet at www.learningtrust.co.uk/consultations

- ☐ Agree with proposal ☐ Disagree with proposal ☐ neither agree nor disagree

Please comment on the proposal outlined in the paper (continue overleaf if necessary)

Thank you for completing this response form

Hackney Learning Trust Monitoring Form

Monitoring equality information in our consultation process is important in our work to promote equality. The information you provide will help us to build on successful actions, identify the needs of those experiencing inequality and help us to decide where to target our resources.

This information will not be used in a way which allows individuals to be identified.

The categories we use are similar to those used in schools. We comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. We are aware of the sensitive nature of this information and assure you that it will not be used for any other purpose.

We would therefore ask you to help us by completing the attached monitoring form.

Gender

- ☐ Male ☐ Female

Ethnicity

- ☐ White or White British
- ☐ Black or Black British
- ☐ Asian or Asian British
- ☐ Chinese, South East Asian, South East Asian British
- ☐ Mixed Parentage, please specify
- ☐ Other

Do you have a disability? Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

The definition of disability according to the legislation is: "A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term effect on your ability to carry out normal day to day activities." Long term is taken as more than 12 months.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Faith or belief - Please specify

- ☐ Faith belief
- ☐ Atheist / no belief
- ☐ I do not wish to say