

# Statutory Notice

## Proposal to discontinue (close) Sir Thomas Abney Primary School including the Language Resourced Provision (LRP) and amalgamate (merge) the student body with Holmleigh Primary School

Hackney Council publishes these proposals under section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013. This notice is published following a consultation which took place between 8 October and 19 November 2024. The proposed changes would take effect on 31 August 2025 and 1 September 2025.

Hackney Council proposes to discontinue Sir Thomas Abney Primary School (Fairholt Rd, London N16 5ED), and merge the student body with Holmleigh Primary School (Dunsmure Rd, London N16 5PU).

The remaining merged school (Holmleigh Primary School), will move from its current location at Dunsmure Rd, London N16 5PU, to the new site at Fairholt Rd, London N16 5ED between 1 September 2025 until August 2026, should the proposal be agreed.

The reason for publishing this proposal is the significant fall in pupil numbers across Hackney, and at Sir Thomas Abney Primary School in particular.

This proposal is linked to a proposal to expand Holmleigh Primary School from 1 form of entry to 2 forms of entry and to add special educational provision there, by designating it as a Language Resourced Provision (LRP). This proposal can be viewed here:

[consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/stat-notice-closure-merger](https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/stat-notice-closure-merger)

Together, these proposals would see:

- Sir Thomas Abney Primary School discontinued on 31 August 2025;
- Holmleigh Primary School expanding from 1 form of entry (30 pupils admitted in each year group), to 2 forms of entry (60 children admitted in each year group) from 1 September 2025;
- All children attending Sir Thomas Abney Primary School offered a place at Holmleigh Primary School should parents/carers want one;
- All children on roll at Holmleigh moving from the current site at Dunsmure Rd, London N16 5PU to the new site at Fairholt Rd, London N16 5ED, between 1 September 2025 until August 2026, and;
- An LRP for up to 10 children opening at Holmleigh Primary School on 1 September 2025

This proposal was published on 6 February 2025. Within four weeks of the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by visiting [consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/stat-notice-closure-merger](https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/stat-notice-closure-merger) (scan the QR code below), by emailing: [school.sufficiency@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:school.sufficiency@hackney.gov.uk), or by writing to: School Sufficiency & Estates Team, Hackney Council, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 1DY.

The closing date for receipt of responses to the representation period is 5 March 2025 at 5pm. The Council's Cabinet will meet after the end of the representation period, in April 2025, to take the final decision on all proposals in this notice and the linked notice.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be viewed at: [consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/stat-notice-closure-merger](https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/stat-notice-closure-merger)

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