

# Statutory Notice

## Proposal to increase Holmleigh Primary School from 1 form of entry (1FE) to 2 forms of entry (2FE) and to add special educational needs provision for language

Hackney Council publishes these proposals under section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and having regard to the DfE guidance 'Making significant changes ('prescribed alterations') to maintained schools - Statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers October 2024'.

The proposal in this notice is to formally increase the intake at Holmleigh Primary School from 1 to 2 forms of entry and to add a Language Resourced Provision on 1 September 2025.

This notice is related to the separate notice outlining the Council's proposal to discontinue (close) Sir Thomas Abney School (Fairholt Rd, London N16 5ED) and amalgamate (merge) its student body with that of Holmleigh Primary School (Dunsmure Rd, London N16 5PU). That notice can be found at: [consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/stat-notice-closure-merger](https://consultation.hackney.gov.uk/children-education/stat-notice-closure-merger).

These notices are published following a consultation which took place between 8 October and 19 November 2024. The proposed closure would take effect on 31 August 2025. The changes described in this notice would take place on 1 September 2025.

Together, these proposals would see:

- All pupils attending Sir Thomas Abney School able to transfer to the roll of Holmleigh Primary School.
- Holmleigh Primary School increase its intake from a one form entry school (30 pupils each year across all year groups), to two forms of entry (60 pupils each year across all year groups). The planned admission number for the school would be 420.
- A Language Resourced Provision (LRP) for up to 10 pupils established at Holmleigh Primary School.
- The pupils currently at the LRP at Sir Thomas Abney able to transfer to the new Holmleigh LRP.
- Pupils currently on roll at Holmleigh Primary School move to the site on Fairholt Rd, London N16 5ED (currently Sir Thomas Abney School's site)

This proposal to expand Holmleigh Primary School from 1FE to 2FE and to add special educational needs provision was published on 6 February 2025. Within four weeks from 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 the 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). If you require a paper copy of this, please contact us via email at: [school.sufficiency@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:school.sufficiency@hackney.gov.uk).

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