

HARROW COUNCIL

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS FOR A SCHOOL

School and Local Authority details

Community School: Pinner Park Junior School
Melbourne Avenue,
Harrow
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Local Authority: Harrow Council
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Description and implementation of the proposed alteration

It is proposed that Pinner Park Junior School will be discontinued on 31 March 2019.

These proposals are linked to the proposals to extend the age range and to expand the capacity of Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School from 1 April 2019. . However, implementation maybe at a later date based on consultation with the two schools. The proposals will have the effect of combining Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School and Pinner Park Junior School in order to provide a combined primary school serving the area currently served by the schools and retaining both existing sites in use.

The objective of the proposal and reason for closure

This proposal arises through the implementation of Harrow Council's Amalgamation Policy which requires governing bodies of all separate infant and junior schools to amalgamate the two schools when a headteacher vacancy arises in either or both schools, unless there are compelling and over-riding reasons not to.

These proposals are linked to the proposals to increasing the age range of Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School from 1 April 2019. The proposals will have the effect of combining Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School and Pinner Park Junior School in order to provide a combined primary school serving the area currently served by the schools and retaining both existing sites in use.

Harrow Council's amalgamation policy aims to establish combined primary schools with continuity across the Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The policy is based on an educational rationale that will contribute to school improvement. The policy enables amalgamation to be undertaken within current school development planning and funding opportunities.

Under these proposals the combined school would be established from 1 April 2019. Pinner Park Junior School would be discontinued, and the age range of Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School would be extended and the capacity expanded. All the pupils attending the schools at the time of amalgamation would transfer to the combined school, and there would be a similar staffing need. The school buildings would continue to be used by the combined school.

Pupil numbers and admissions

A combined Pinner Park school would have the same number of pupil places as the separate schools. The school is full there are 840 pupils on roll plus nursery. Under these amalgamation proposals, the planned admission number at Reception would be four forms (120 pupils).

Displaced pupils and travel

Not Applicable. There would be no displaced pupils and no change to travel or transport arrangements arising from this amalgamation proposal because all the pupils attending the schools at the time of implementation would transfer to the combined school. The combined school would have the same number of pupils overall as the two separate schools. Within these proposals, there are no plans to change existing provision for pupils with special educational needs (SEN) at Pinner Park Infant and Nursery School or Pinner Park Junior School. They are mainstream schools, which make appropriate provision for pupils with SEN who attend mainstream schools.

All the pupils, including those pupils with special educational needs, attending the schools at the time of amalgamation would transfer to the combined school. The combined school would build on existing good practice within each school. Therefore the special educational need provisions would not be affected. Amalgamation might help to alleviate issues of transition as it could provide continuous support for pupils and a common set of school rules and processes. The proposed combined school will admit pupils as a four form of entry school. There will be no change to transport arrangements because all the pupils attending the schools at the time of implementation would transfer to the combined school.

Impact on the community

There would be no adverse impact on the community from combining the schools, as the school buildings would still continue to be used by the combined school. There would be no displacement of pupils, as they would all be offered their places in the combined school, and there would be a similar staffing need. Similarly, no adverse effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area would arise from the amalgamation proposal. Harrow's schools view themselves as serving their local communities. The proposed amalgamation, together with the expansion of places at the school, would reinforce the position of the school at the heart of the community by promoting school improvement and meeting the increased demand for school places in the local area.

Have your say, if you want to tell us about whether you support the proposal or have comment or you may have reasons to object.

Your representations can be made in writing to:

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Responses need to be **submitted by 5pm on 29 November 2018**