

### **Proposal to increase Harrington Hill Primary School from 1 form of entry (1FE) to 2 forms of entry (2FE) and to establish an Additional Resourced Provision for autistic children**

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 Harrington Hill Primary School from 1 to 2 forms of entry and add an Additional Resourced Provision for autistic children on 1 September 2025.

This notice is related to the separate notice outlining the Council's proposal to discontinue (close) Oldhill Community School (Oldhill Street, London N16 6LR) and amalgamate (merge) its student body with that of Harrington Hill Primary School (Mount Pleasant Lane, London E5 9JG). 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 of Oldhill Community School, and the merger of its student body with Harrington Hill School, would take effect on 31 August 2025. The changes described in this notice would take place from 1 September 2025.

Together, these proposals would see:

- All pupils attending Oldhill Community School able to transfer to the roll of Harrington Hill Primary School;
- Harrington Hill Primary School increase its intake from a one form entry school (30 pupils each year across all year groups), to two forms of entry school (60 pupils each year across all year groups). The planned admission number for the school would be 420;
- An Additional Resourced Provision (ARP) for up to 12 autistic pupils established at Harrington Hill School
- The pupils currently in the ARP at Oldhill Community School able to transfer to the new Harrington Hill ARP.

This proposal to expand Harrington Hill Primary School from 1FE to 2FE and to establish an Additional Resourced Provision for autistic children, 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 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). 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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# **Full Statutory Proposal increase Harrington Hill Primary School from 1 form of entry (1FE) to 2 forms of entry (2FE) and to establish Additional Resourced Provision for autistic children**

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## **Name and address of school to undergo a prescribed alteration:**

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Email: [admin@harringtonhill.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@harringtonhill.hackney.sch.uk)

## **2. Description of alteration and evidence of demand**

Hackney Council proposes to increase the number of pupils at Harrington Hill Primary School on 1 September 2025. The increase is to accommodate children from Oldhill Community School which is proposed to be discontinued on 31 August 2025 and to amalgamate (merge) its student body with Harrington Hill Primary School. An Additional Resourced Provision for autistic children would be established at Harrington Hill Primary School ensuring no reduction in the local SEND offer.

From 1 September 2025, Harrington Hill Primary School would expand from a one form entry school (30 children each year), to a two form entry school (60 children each year). The planned admission number across all year groups would be 420. An Additional Resourced Provision (ARP) for up to 12 autistic pupils would be added to Harrington Hill Primary School, with the pupils currently in the ARP at Oldhill Community School able to transfer to the new provision.

This proposal is due to the fall in the number of children in the area whereby there are now considerably fewer pupils in Hackney primary schools. This has led to a number of schools not being able to remain financially viable, which then impacts on their ability to continue to provide quality education. The enlargement of Harrington Hill Primary School would provide enough places for all of the 196 children displaced at Oldhill as well as create a larger, more resilient and sustainable single school going forward, with no reduction to Hackney's specialist provision for autistic children.

## **Borough Position**

At the January 2024 pupil census there were 2400 fewer children in the borough's primary schools when compared to January 2017, the year when numbers in our primary schools peaked. The number of children joining reception classes in Hackney's mainstream primary schools has, in fact, been falling since 2015. The reception numbers are predicted to continue falling over the coming years and could see the total primary pupil numbers in mainstream primary schools drop by a further 2700 or more by the mid-2030s.

At the October 2024 census there were 2065 children in reception in mainstream primary schools. This is well below the current reception capacity of 2675 places. This means that there were 610 (23%) unfilled reception places in Hackney. Across all year groups there were 4855 (24%) unfilled places in Hackney.

The Council has a statutory duty to ensure there are a sufficient number of school places for pupils and that places are planned effectively, and aims to reduce surplus places in the borough to a sustainable level.

The fall in numbers together with reduced funding from central government, means that some of our schools are facing major challenges. If we continue to allow schools to remain open with significant levels of surplus places, it will put schools at severe financial risk.

### **3. Objectives**

The Council has consulted on proposals to reduce the number of vacant reception places by 31 August 2025, by:

- Discontinuing two primary schools (St Dominic's Catholic Primary School and St Mary's CofE Primary schools);
- Amalgamating (merging) Oldhill Community School and Harrington Hill Primary School, and;
- Amalgamating (merging) Sir Thomas Abney School and Holmleigh Primary School

This Statutory Notice and full proposal outlines a prescribed alteration to Harrington Hill Primary School which would expand the school from 1FE to 2FE to accommodate pupils from the closure of Oldhill Community School on 31 August 2025. The Additional Resource Provision at Harrington Hill would come into effect on 1 September 2025.

### **4. The effect on other educational institutions within the area**

This proposal forms part of a related proposal to discontinue Oldhill Community School on 31 August 2025. These proposals seek to rationalise the number of surplus primary places in the area.

### **5. Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved**

Harrington Hill's site was built to accommodate 2FE, but the school has been operating as a 1FE. The proposed prescribed alteration to Harrington Hill Primary School would see the capacity of the school increase from 1FE to 2FE on 1 September 2025 and result in the current building being more fully utilised as a result. Harrington Hill site has sufficient space to accommodate an ARP for 12 children. There will be some minor building works associated with providing suitable accommodation. It is anticipated that these will be low value and are expected to be met from the Council's SEND capital programme.

### **6. Implementation plan**

**Date on which it is proposed to implement the changes to the school:** 1 September 2025

- Harrington Hill Primary School would increase from 1FE to 2FE to accommodate the pupils from Oldhill Community School due to a merger of the two student bodies;
- Harrington Hill Primary School would admit up to 60 pupils in each year groups (Reception to Year 6), increasing the PAN from 210 to 420, and;
- An Additional Resourced Provision for 12 autistic children would be established at Harrington Hill Primary School for 1 September 2005.

If the proposal is agreed a joint steering group made up of Council officers and representatives from both schools, will oversee the transition and establish an agreed action plan that would enable the two schools to work together as much as possible over the remainder of the school year.

## 7. Procedure for making representations (objections and comments)

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:

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