

DRAFT STATUTORY NOTICE TO ESTABLISH A NEW SCHOOL

The London Borough of Brent

Notice is hereby given in accordance with sections 28(1) and 29(1) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (the Act) that Brent Council, being the Local Education Authority for the borough of Brent, intends to establish a new community primary school on the site of the existing Wembley Manor Infant and Wembley Manor Junior Schools, and has made the following proposals for that purpose:

- (i) to discontinue Wembley Manor Infant School, East Lane, Wembley, HA9 7NW with effect from 31 August 2006;
- (ii) to discontinue Wembley Manor Junior School, East Lane, Wembley, HA9 7NW with effect from 31 August 2006;
- (iii) to establish a new primary school with effect from 1 September 2006, initially with a capacity of 3FE (with nursery) on the same site, expanding to 4FE (with nursery) and moving to new buildings on the same site on completion of the new proposed buildings from 1 January 2008.

The current Wembley Manor Schools accommodate a maximum of 630 boys and girls aged 4 to 11, with a 30 FTE nursery – 3 year olds. The new school will accommodate 840 boys and girls aged 4 to 11, with a 30 FTE nursery. Pupils currently at and who would have attended the existing Wembley Manor Infant and Junior Schools will be offered places at the new school. The new school will open in the existing premises of the two schools but will transfer to new purpose built accommodation on the existing site as soon as it is available. Until those premises are available the number of pupils admitted to the school at age 4 will be 90. Once the new accommodation is ready the admission number will increase to 120.

The extended nature of the new school and accommodation will help to promote and encourage tolerance, fairness and equality, the understanding of other cultures and faiths, good citizenship, links with the community and continuity of education.

There will be no impact on the current LEA transport arrangements.

The new school will remain a Community school therefore the Education Authority will continue to be the Admissions Authority.

Any person may submit comments and objections to the proposals within a six week representation period after the publication of this notice addressed to the Director of Education (for the attention of Judith Joseph Principal Schools Planning Officer)

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Copies of all objections made (and not withdrawn in writing) in this period will be transmitted by the Authority to the School Organisation Committee together with the Authority's observations on them, within one month of the expiry of the six week period.

John Christie
Director of Education
Date

NOTES

1. The Authority is publishing these proposals following consultation with the governors, parents and teachers of the Wembley Manor Schools, Trade Unions, other schools in Brent, neighbouring Education Authorities, The Learning Skills Council, Wembley Residents Association, Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership and the Diocesan Boards.
2. The effect of the proposals will be to merge Wembley Manor Infant and Junior Schools to form a single primary school under one headteacher.
3. The new primary school will continue to serve the communities served by the existing Wembley Manor schools. The admissions policy will give priority to local children.
4. Capital funding has been reserved by the Authority to enable the existing schools to move into brand new premises as the new school on the existing site. The target date for completion of the new school buildings is 1 January 2008. Once the new school is operating from its new premises the old Wembley Manor School buildings will be demolished.
5. Although capital funding provision has been reserved for the scheme the LEA has made a submission for funds under Targeted Capital Funding (TCF) in order to deliver the co-located Children's Centre, enhance extended school provision and develop 'home connectivity'. This is a measure to enable children from less privileged backgrounds (those on Free School Meals and other benefits) equal access to the schools on line learning resources. That is, allow those who would not otherwise be able to afford ICT at home, to connect to the school's web based curriculum resources, as well as allowing parents to access to relevant data and information concerning their children.
6. The amalgamated school will not take place if the building work does not go ahead. It will stay as a 3FE school.
7. The LEA is committed to developing a Transport Plan to encourage less car transport of pupils.