

Statutory Notice

Alteration to Leopold Primary School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) and 21(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) that the Governing Body of Leopold Primary School intends to make a prescribed alteration to Leopold Primary School (Community), Hawkshead Road, London, NW10 9UR (Department for Education number 3042028). The school has a nursery which provides 60 full time places.

Leopold Primary School is a community school with a planned admission number of 420 places (2 forms of entry i.e. 2 classes in each year group) for boys and girls between the ages of 4-11. In addition the school agreed to take an additional 300 temporary places in an annexe (Gwenneth Rickus Building). In summary there are currently 720 places between both sites. The proposal is to increase the places to 840, equally split across both sites (4-11 years).

Brent Council in partnership with the Governing Body of Leopold Primary School is consulting with staff, parents and the community on the option to expand the school by two forms of entry (2FE) to become a 4 form entry school (4FE) by January 2016. The expansion will provide an additional 60 permanent places (2 classes in each year group). The increase of places commenced on a temporary basis at the Gwenneth Rickus Building, Brentfield Road, NW10 8HE in January 2014. If the proposal to expand is approved the temporary places will officially become permanent places until there are four classes in each year group. All 840 children will be accommodated between both sites. All 840 places will be permanent places.

The enlarged Leopold Primary School will continue to offer mixed provision for pupils in Reception to Year 6 and the school will remain a Community school. There will be 420 pupils on each site ranging from age 4 to age 11.

The proposed accommodation for the expansion by 2FE would utilise the existing Gwenneth Rickus Building. It is not currently anticipated that any new build accommodation will be required. However and, depending on relevant surveys, it is envisaged that an existing annex building may be refurbished to create a new kitchen, dining hall and gym facilities and some internal remodelling may be required within the main existing and other annex buildings. It is therefore not envisaged, at this stage, that there will be a loss of current external play areas.

All applicable statutory requirements to consult in relation to these proposals have been complied with. There will be no change to the existing Special Educational Needs arrangements at the school. There will be no change to the current admission arrangements at the school.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Judith Joseph, School Place Planning Officer, Children and Families, London Borough

of Brent, 5th Floor, Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ. Email: judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal any person may object to or make comments on the proposal in writing by sending them to Judith Joseph, School Place Planning Officer, Children and Families, London Borough of Brent, 5th Floor, Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ. Email: judith.joseph@brent.gov.uk. The last date for representations is Thursday 8 October 2015.

Signed: The Governing Body, Leopold Primary School

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Explanatory Notes

- All children currently on roll at Leopold Primary School and the Gwenneth Rickus Building will remain pupils of Leopold Primary School.
- Any required building work, once all relevant approvals are obtained would be envisaged
 to be undertaken during the 2015/2016 academic year. Some phasing of works may be
 necessary. In addition, safety measures and clear zoning of construction and nonconstruction areas will be in place to ensure that the school site is safe for continued use.
 Parents, children and staff will be kept informed of developments throughout the building
 works via letters home and on the school website.
- For the 2015/2016 academic year the following classes will be available over the two sites: Reception x 4, Year 1 x 4, Year 2 x 6, Year 3 x 3, Year 4 x 4, Year 5 x 3 and Year 6 x 2.
- When fully expanded both sites will have two classes in each year group i.e. 420 pupils on each site from Reception to Year 6 Reception x 2, Year 1 x 2, Year 2 x 2, Year 3 x 2 etc.
- For September 2015 the number of pupils on roll is: Reception = 120, Year 1 = 112, Year 2 = 150, Year 3 = 90, Year 4 = 92, Year 5 = 79, Year 6 = 57.
- For admission in 2015 the catchment area is the one designated for the main school on the Hawkshead Road site and will remain as such in future.