

## **Notice of Proposals to Discontinue Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools, and to establish a New Primary School on the same site.**

**Part 1:** Notice is given in accordance with section 15(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that London Borough of Hounslow, Children's, Health & Adults' Services, Hounslow House, 7 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EB intends to close Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery School, Denham Road, Feltham, TW14 0DB and Sparrow Farm Junior School, Sparrow Farm Drive, Feltham, TW14 0DG, on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

All statutory consultation requirements relating to this proposal have been complied with.

The pupils who would be attending Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools in December 2020 will be guaranteed a place at the new school and therefore no pupils will be displaced. Admission may also be sought to other schools which have places available.

Pupils at Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools will continue to travel to the same site as the new school, and therefore there will be no travel implications.

A statutory notice published simultaneously (Part 2 of this notice) proposes the establishment of an all-through primary school with the age range of 3-11 years on the same site as Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools.

**Part 2:** Notice is given that London Borough of Hounslow, Children's, Health & Adults' Services, Hounslow House, 7 Bath Road, Hounslow, TW3 3EB intends to establish a new Community School under section 11(A3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, as amended by the Education Act 2011.

It is proposed that the school will open on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

The school will be situated at the current sites detailed in Part 1. The school will serve the community currently served by Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools.

The new school will continue to serve the diverse community and will prioritise inclusion and ensure that the needs of a wide range of communities are met.

The new school will cater for pupils between the ages of 3 and 11 and provide places for 630 boys and girls, plus 32.5 full time equivalent places for nursery pupils.

The admission number for the school on the opening date will be 90.

The proposed admission arrangements will be those published by the London Borough of Hounslow for Primary Community Schools 2020.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: School Organisation Officer, Children's, Health & Adults' Services, London Borough of Hounslow, Hounslow House, 7 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EB; by telephone 020 8583 2872; or through the Council's website at [www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20096/consultations](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20096/consultations) .

**Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to, support, or comment on the proposals by writing to the School Organisation Officer, Children's, Health & Adults' Services, London Borough of Hounslow, Hounslow House, 7 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EB, or by email to: [childrens.ppu@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:childrens.ppu@hounslow.gov.uk) . Comments must be submitted by midnight 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.**

Signed: Sheena Poley

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## STATUTORY PROPOSAL FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES

### Contact details

**The Proposer:** London Borough of Hounslow

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**Proposal for Closure of the following Schools:**

Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery School, Denham Road, Feltham, TW14 0DB

Sparrow Farm Junior School, Sparrow Farm Drive, Feltham, TW14 0DG

**Category:** Community Schools

### Implementation

It is proposed to close both schools on 31 December 2020, to coincide with the creation of a new all-through primary school from 1 January 2021, on the same site. A related Statutory Notice is contained in this publication which proposes the establishment of an all-through primary school with the age range 3-11 years on the same site as Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools.

### Reason for closure

In line with the Hounslow Council Schools Amalgamation Policy Jan 2017, the Local Authority considers that the amalgamation of linked infant and junior schools is a positive way to develop and progress school organisation.

Responses received from the initial Stakeholder Consultation during the period 20 September – 8 November 2019 were considered by Council Members at their Cabinet Meeting held 11 February 2020, when the decision was taken to continue the process to publish Statutory Notice regarding the proposal to amalgamate Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior schools. The closure of the existing Infant and Junior schools on 31 December 2020 is necessary in order to establish a new primary school on 1 January 2021.

### **Pupil numbers and admissions**

Based on Oct 2019 Census Data:

#### **Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery School**

Age range: 3-7

Nursery (non-compulsory school age):

55 pupils on roll

30 male

25 female

0 pupil with Education Health & Care (EHC) Plan

0 pupils not statemented but receiving Special Educational Needs support

Reception - Year 2 (compulsory school age)

197 pupils on roll

104 male

93 female

1 pupil with Education Health & Care (EHC) Plan

25 pupils not statemented but receiving Special Educational Needs support

#### **Sparrow Farm Junior School**

Age range: 7-11

Year 3 - Year 6 (compulsory school age)

289 pupils on roll

149 male

140 female

0 pupils with Education Health & Care (EHC) Plan

30 pupils not statemented but receiving Special Educational Needs support

### **Displaced pupils**

All children currently attending Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools will be guaranteed a place at the new school and therefore no pupils will be displaced. No changes will result from this proposal to the provision for children with Special Educational Needs within the schools.

### **Impact on the community**

This proposal is not expected to have a negative impact on the community. The results will be positive in terms of improved continuity of schooling, communications and transition arrangements as a result of the amalgamation into a new school.

All existing services offered by both Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools will not be affected by this proposal.

### **Special educational needs provision**

No changes will result from this proposal to the provision for children with Special Educational Needs within the schools.

### **Travel**

Pupils at Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools will continue to travel to the same site, as the primary school will be on the same site, and therefore there are no travel implications.

## **STATUTORY PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHOOL**

### **Contact details**

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### **Implementation**

It is proposed that the all-through primary school will open on 1 January 2021 on the same site as the existing Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior schools; this will follow the closure of the existing schools on 31 December 2020, which is the subject of the above related Notice.

### **Reason for the new school**

The establishment of a new primary school on 1 January 2021 is necessary as, following consultation, the new school will replace the existing Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior schools, which are proposed for closure on 31 December 2020 due to amalgamation.

### **Category**

It is proposed to create a new community school to replace Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery School and Sparrow Farm Junior School, which are proposed to be closed as detailed in the related proposal above. This is in effect an amalgamation of the current schools.

### **Ethos and religious character**

The amalgamated school will serve the same diverse community as the existing schools and will prioritise inclusion and ensure that the needs of a wide range of communities are met.

No religious character is intended for the school.

### **Pupil numbers and admissions**

The new primary school will provide 630 places for Reception through to Year 6, plus 32.5 full time equivalent places for Nursery children. The new school will be the same size (3 form entry) as the combined existing schools.

Based on Oct 2019 Census Data, the breakdown of pupil numbers at the existing schools is as follows:

#### **Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery School**

Age range: 3-7

Nursery (non-compulsory school age):

55 pupils on roll

30 male

25 female

0 pupil with Education Health & Care (EHC) Plan

0 pupils not stated but receiving Special Educational Needs support

Reception - Year 2 (compulsory school age)

197 pupils on roll

104 male

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1 pupil with Education Health & Care (EHC) Plan

25 pupils not stated but receiving Special Educational Needs support

#### **Sparrow Farm Junior School**

Age range: 7-11

Year 3 - Year 6 (compulsory school age)

289 pupils on roll

149 male

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0 pupils with Education Health & Care (EHC) Plan

30 pupils not stated but receiving Special Educational Needs support

### **Admission arrangements**

The proposed admissions arrangements will be those published by the London Borough of Hounslow for Primary Community Schools 2020 and will be the same criteria as applied to the current schools. These arrangements comply with all relevant legislation and the Schools Admission Code.

### **Early years provision**

The new school will continue to administer admission arrangements for children from age 3 into the school nursery. The current two-year old provision at the Infant school will continue to operate in the new Primary school.

Admission arrangements to Reception will be in accordance with the policy applied to all London Borough of Hounslow primary schools, as published in the Local Authority's Determined Admission Arrangements.

### **Special educational needs provision**

No changes will result from this proposal to the provision for children with special educational needs within the schools.

However, parents of SEN children should experience a smoother transition from KS1 to KS2 in the amalgamated school due to the continuity of provision, and this removes the need to review the child's placement to a separate junior school.

### **Curriculum**

The school will meet the general requirements in relation to curriculum contained in Section 78 of EA 2002.

### **Relevant experience of proposers**

The proposer is the Local Authority.

### **Effects on standards and contributions to school improvement**

The amalgamated school will continue to serve the same community as the existing schools, which both have an ethnically diverse pupil population.

There is every expectation that the benefits from an amalgamation, in terms of organisation, communications, planning and the efficiency gains, will provide the opportunity to impact beneficially on standards. It will also provide greater consistency in ethos and teaching and learning experiences for pupils.

### **Location and costs**

- a) The new school will serve the same community as currently served by the existing infant and junior schools.
- b) The new school will occupy the current Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery School and Sparrow Farm Junior School site. The current schools have separate postal addresses:  
Infant school: Denham Road, Feltham, TW14 0DB  
Junior school: Sparrow Farm Drive, Feltham, TW14 0DG  
The buildings are co-located on the same site; therefore, following determination of the proposal, the new school's postal address will be confirmed.
- c) The site is freehold and owned by the Local Authority.
- d) The school will occupy the site as a community school located on a Local Authority owned site.
- e) There are no capital costs associated with providing the site.
- f) Planning permission is not required.

### **Travel**

Pupils at Sparrow Farm Infant & Nursery and Sparrow Farm Junior Schools will continue to travel to the same site, as the new school will be on the same site; therefore, there are no travel implications.