



Statutory Proposal to amalgamate Grange Park Infant and Nursery School and Grange Park Junior School

Notice is given in accordance with The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 that the London Borough of Hillingdon is proposing to discontinue Grange Park Infant and Nursery School with effect from 31st August 2025. Notice is also given in accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that the Governing Body of Grange Park Junior School is proposing to make prescribed alterations to Grange Park Junior School with effect from 1st September 2025. The prescribed alterations proposed are:

- Extend the age range of Grange Park Junior School to accommodate pupils from Nursery to Year 6.
- Increase the total pupil numbers at Grange Park Junior School to 630 pupils.

Name and address of local authority:

London Borough of Hillingdon, Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW

Name, address and category of schools proposed to be amalgamated:

Grange Park Infant and Nursery School, Lansbury Drive, Hayes, UB4 8SF, URN: 102433 (Foundation School)

Grange Park Junior School, Lansbury Drive, Hayes, UB4 8SF, URN: 102432 (Foundation School)

This proposal is published following the Department for Education Statutory Guidance (October 2024) Making Significant Changes ('prescribed alterations') to Maintained Schools and Opening and Closing Maintained schools (October 2024).

Type of Proposal

Closure of Grange Park Infant and Nursery School and the expansion of the age range of Grange Park Junior school to create a primary school.

Proposal

The Governing Board of Grange Park Junior School and the London Borough of Hillingdon, with the support of the Governing Board of Grange Park Nursery and Infant

School, are consulting on a proposal for the two schools to amalgamate to form a single three-form entry foundation primary school for children aged 3 to 11 years with effect from 1st September 2025, with a total published pupil number of 630.

Proposer

The proposers for the closure of Grange Park Infant and Nursery School are Hillingdon Council. The Governing Body of Grange Park Infant and Nursery School are supportive of the principle of amalgamation set out in the Hillingdon Council policy.

The proposers for the expansion of the age range of Grange Park Junior School are the Governing Body of Grange Park Junior School, with the support of Hillingdon Council.

Implementation Date

It is proposed that Grange Park Infant and Nursery School would close on 31st August 2025 and Grange Park Junior School will expand to become a Primary on the existing site with effect from 1st September 2025.

Reason for amalgamation

Part of the role of any Governing Board is to consider the long-term vision of the school(s) it is responsible for and how, in the future, they can continue to:

- improve and provide the best possible education and care for every child;
- provide an excellent working environment and experience for staff; and
- support and work with their local community

Both schools are on the same site and share a building, and both schools are rated 'Good' at their last Ofsted Inspection. Grange Park Infant and Nursery Schools taking place in June 2024 and Grange Park Junior Schools in November 2024.

With the headteacher of Grange Park Infant and Nursery School retiring in Summer 2024, Hillingdon Council required the governing bodies of both schools to consider amalgamation in line with the Hillingdon Council policy.

The birth rate in Hillingdon has been steadily declining since 2016, which has impacted Primary Schools pupil numbers across the Borough. The combined on-roll figures at Grange Park Infant and Nursery and Grange Park Junior Schools have decreased over the past 5 Autumn Census'. To manage the falling roll in both schools, a formal consultation was undertaken in Autumn 2022 to reduce the Published Admissions Number (PAN) from September 2024, reducing from 4FE to 3FE.

The Governing Body of Grange Park Infant and Nursery School and the Governing Body of Grange Park Junior School along with the Council see advantages in combining the existing schools into a new primary school including. These advantages are listed in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document and include:

- A consistent approach to the ways in which children are taught and supported, recognising the current strengths of both schools.
- Increased opportunities for children in all key stages to come together for pastoral, social and creative activities.
- Consistency of parental involvement throughout the primary phase of education by having the ability to foster longer-term relationships with families within one school;
- Communication between school and parents will be simplified, especially for parents with children in both schools. It would remove any duplication and ensure a joined up approach for events, training and other matters;
- Removes the need for parents to apply for a place at the Junior School as children would automatically continue their education as part of one Grange Park school.
- Increased career development opportunities for staff through the sharing of a wider range of expertise and the possibility to gain experience and an understanding of all Primary Key Stages.
- Greater opportunity for cost effectiveness through economies of scale e.g. in purchasing, ensuring the best provision possible for the children;

Pupil Numbers and Admissions

Grange Park Infant and Nursery School is a 3FE maintained foundation infant school with 320 pupils on roll (including Nursery), for pupils aged 3 to 7 as per the October 2024 Census.

Grange Park Infant & Nursery School	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Total
On Roll October 2024	75	79	89	77	320

Grange Park Junior School is a 3FE maintained foundation junior school with 369 pupils on roll, for pupils aged 7 to 11 as per the October 2024 Census.

Grange Park Junior School	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
On Roll October 2024	83	88	96	102	369

There is no boarding provision at either school.

Sex of pupils

Both schools are co-educational. Not applicable

Displaced pupils

This proposal forms an amalgamation, and therefore no pupils would be displaced. From 1st September 2025, pupils currently at Grange Park Infant and Nursery School would have places at the expanded Grange Park Junior School. Current pupils in Year 2 would automatically transition to Year 3.

Impact on the community

Grange Park Infant and Nursery School and Grange Park Junior School serve the same geographic area and occupy the same building. The proposed amalgamation of Grange Park Infant and Nursery School and Grange Park Junior School will not displace any pupils, or have any impact on travel, and will therefore have no impact on the community. The proposal will provide certainty of progression to the junior phase and offer an all-through primary education.

Rural primary schools

Not applicable.

Balance of denominational provision

Not applicable.

Early Years provision

It is intended that the current nursery at Grange Park Infant and Nursery School would continue to operate as part of the primary school, and the proposed age-range change of Grange Park Junior School includes the nursery provision. There would be no change for children in the current setting, therefore, the provision would continue to be accessible and convenient for local families.

Sixth Form provision

Not applicable.

Effect on other Educational Establishments

There may be minimal impact on other educational establishments as current pupils from Grange Park Infant and Nursery School will automatically be transferred to Grange Park Junior School. For the last 3 years, all children attending the infant school secured places at the Junior school, so it is likely that there will not be any impact on surrounding schools.

Special Educational Needs

The schools do not provide a specialist resource provision (SRP) or a Designated Unit (DU) recognised by the local authority as being reserved for children with special educational needs. Children with special educational needs will continue to receive the same high levels of support in the primary school.

Travel

Both Grange Park Infant and Nursery School and Grange Park Junior School are located on the same site so there will be no travel implications.

Financial implications

As detailed in the [Schools operational guide: 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK](#), 'where schools amalgamate after 1 April 2025, the new school will receive funding equivalent to the formula funding of the closing schools added together for the appropriate proportion of the year. This means that they receive the combined lump sums for the remainder of the year and 70% of the second lump sum in the following year.

Local authorities may apply to provide a second year of protection. This needs to be discussed and agreed with schools forum'.

Process for making representations (objections and comments)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, from Wednesday 29th January 2025 to Friday 7th March 2025, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal. During this time any person can send written representation to the Council directly to have their views on the proposals taken into consideration by the decision maker.

You can respond to the by:

- Completing the online questionnaire by visiting the consultation page www.hillingdon.gov.uk/consultation
- Emailing schoolplaceplanning@hillingsdon.gov.uk.
- Submit a written response to: School Place Planning Team, London Brough of Hillingdon, Civic Centre, 3N/01, High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW

All consultation responses must be received by 5pm on Friday 7th March 2025.

The consultation will involve a drop-in session for anyone affected by the proposal where Officers will be on hand to answer questions in person and to explain the proposal as necessary. This opportunity will be also offered virtually for stakeholders to attend if that is more convenient.

Drop-in Session		
Location	Date/Time	Session
Grange Park Infant and Nursery/Junior School Lansbury Drive Hayes UB4 8SF	Wednesday 12 th February 2025 2:00pm – 3:00pm (parents/carers/residents) 3:30pm – 4:30pm (staff members)	Drop in – Question and Answer
On-Line session		
Location	Date/Time	Session
Microsoft Teams Join the virtual meeting	Thursday 13 th February 5:00pm – 6:00pm	On-line - Question and Answer

Decision

Hillingdon Local Authority will be the decision maker. They must satisfy themselves that an appropriate fair and open local consultation has been carried out. The Local Authority will decide within two months of the closure of the consultation period. When the decision has been taken, the Local Authority will publish the outcome of the decision on their website and communicate the outcome to relevant stakeholders in writing.

A copy of this consultation is also available at:

- [Grange Park Infant and Nursery website](#)
- [Grange Park Junior School website](#)

Alternatively, you can make contact with the Council or the schools through the email or postal addresses below to request a hard copy of the consultation documents.

- Email:
 - School Place Planning, Hillingdon Council - schoolplaceplanning@Hillingdon.gov.uk

- Grange Park Infant School Governing Body - clerktogovs@gpin.school
- Grange Park Junior School Governing Body – enquiries@grangeparkjuniorschool.co.uk
- Writing to: School Place Planning Team, London Brough of Hillingdon, Civic Centre, 3N/01, High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW
- Hard copies of this proposal can also be obtained by contacting:
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