



Statutory Proposal to amalgamate Golborne Children's Centre and Maxilla Nursery School – 6th February 2023

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The proposal is to amalgamate Golborne Children Centre and Maxilla Nursery to form one nursery school.

The schools have been operating as one school for a number of years and amalgamating them will make access to the school more streamlined for families and the operation of the school will be less complicated.

Becoming a single nursery school has many benefits including time and money efficiencies.

1. Contact details

Name and address of Local Authority publishing the proposal:

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX

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

- i) Golborne Children's Centre, 2A Bevington Rd, London W10 5TN
- ii) Maxilla Nursery School, 2A Bevington Rd, London W10 5TN

2. Implementation

Date on which it is proposed to amalgamate the schools:

17th April 2023

It is proposed to implement the amalgamation as follows:

It is proposed to introduce a single school with one DfE registration number and the name of the school will be **Golborne and Maxilla Nursery School**.

Part 1: Notice in accordance with 15(1) of the Education and Inspection Act 2006 that Kensington & Chelsea Council intends to formally discontinue Maxilla Nursery School (DfE number 207/1054) with effect from 17 April 2023.

Part 2: That Kensington & Chelsea Council intends to formally approve the amalgamated Golborne and Maxilla Nursery School as one establishment on one site, 2A Bevington Road, W10 (DfE number 207/1010) with effect from 17 April 2023.

There will be no changes to the number of places, types of places, and no changes to the curriculum or provision in any way, including the Early Years Resource Base. All the children will officially be part of one school.

3. Reason for amalgamation

1. It will be more time effective to be one school rather than two

Currently, two lots of information need to be provided (such as on pupil progress, number of children receiving additional support, pupil premium and so on). This separation impacts negatively on staff workload without a positive impact for pupils.

2. One school, with one name will enhance the current offer

Currently, the two schools are colocated and there are two DfE numbers. This has caused issues and difficulties such as: confusion for new parents when applying /starting, when there are inspections, when allocating students, having to clarify that we are not a children centre.

3. It will be more cost effective to be one school rather than two

Currently, the schools make additional payments to run two separate IT systems. There are also complications around how finances are managed.

A six-week period of informal public consultation, led by the governing body at each school and including meetings with staff, governors, and parents was undertaken from 28th September to 9th November 2022.

The responses clearly indicated that the majority of people who responded were in favour of the proposed amalgamation. Further details can be found below:

INFORMAL CONSULTATION FEEDBACK RESULTS

- In total we received 168 feedback responses across all stakeholder categories
- 167 responses agreed with the proposal – ‘Yes’
- 1 response did not agree with the proposal – ‘No’

STAKEHOLDER BREAKDOWN

We received responses across 7 stakeholder categories:

1. Parents and carers
2. Staff
3. External staff
4. Local schools
5. Local community
6. Future parents
7. Governors

CURRENT FAMILIES, PARENTS & CARERS – 69 responses representing 63 families. We received feedback from 85% of our current attending families, 99% in favour of the proposal.

STAFF – 100% responses, all in favour

EXTERNAL STAFF – 18 responses 100% in favour

LOCAL SCHOOLS – 3 responses 100% in favour

LOCAL COMMUNITY – 31 responses 100% in favour

POTENTIAL FUTURE PARENTS – 12 responses 100% in favour

GOVERNORS – 100% in favour

4. Pupil numbers and admissions

The numbers for whom provision is currently made at the school:

The number of pupils attending both schools will not be affected, and the same number of pupils will be continue to attend the school.

5. Displaced pupils due to amalgamation

No children will be displaced because all pupils will have places at the new school.

6. Impact on the community of the amalgamation

There will be no impact on the community of the amalgamation, as the schools have been operating out of the same site for a number of years.

7. Rural Primary Schools Not applicable

8. Balance of denominational provision Not applicable

9. Maintained nursery schools

The schools only offers nursery provision, which is non-statutory, but supports the Local Authority in meeting its statutory duties regarding sufficiency of flexible, affordable and high quality childcare places.

10. Sixth Form Provision Not applicable

11. Special Educational Needs provision

There nursery school offers SEND places as part of its Early Years SEND Resource Base. Many other pupils with lower level and emerging needs attend the nursery school and its inclusive approach means that it supports the Local Authority to meet its statutory duties in relation to inclusion and SEND in line with the SEND Code of Practice.

12. Travel Not applicable

13. Making representations about the proposal

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal any person may

object to or make comments on the proposal by contacting:

Email: Prosscovia.Apire@rbkc.gov.uk

Post: Early Education and Childcare Service Business Manager, Bi-Borough Education Service, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street
London, W8 7NX

The closing date for responses is 20th March 2023

We will not be able to consider any responses received after this date. All responses received during the representation period will be fully considered by the local authority and a final decision will then be made by the local authority on whether to implement the school amalgamation proposal or not with effect from 17th April 2023.