

STATUTORY PROPOSAL FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATION TO St. JAMES' CoE JUNIOR SCHOOL

1. Contact details (name and address of proposer)

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1b. Name, address and category of school proposed to be discontinued:

St. James' CoE Junior School (Voluntary Controlled)
Tower Hamlets Road
Forest Gate, London,
E7 9DA

2. Description of alteration and evidence of demand

- a.) Lower the age range of the school to 3 to 11 years, thereby becoming a primary school
- b) Enlarge its premises by incorporating Odessa infant school site

All pupils attending Odessa Infant School at the time of its closure will automatically transfer onto the roll of the enlarged Junior school. Both schools are popular and have stable pupil numbers.

3. Proposal Objectives

The objectives of the proposal will be to create a primary school from 1 September 2026 on the site of the existing Odessa Infant and St. James' CoE Junior Schools by amalgamating the two schools.

The amalgamation if achieved, would help sustain and maintain Odessa's financial stability as the proposed primary school would be in a much better position to set a balanced budget.

The amalgamated school will be a progressive environment that mirrors what exists in both schools that makes them good including the early years education; as staff across both schools will be able to draw on their expertise and provide the necessary balance where needed to enable continuation of the strong educational outcomes currently seen at both schools, thereby ensuring the overall success of the primary school

The effect on other education institutions within the area

As no pupils are being displaced and no additional pupils added, it is not expected that the closure of Odessa infant school or the prescribed alteration to St. James' Junior school will have a negative impact upon any local schools.

4. Project Costs

There is no project cost involved in this proposal

5. Implementation Plan

The enlarged primary school will utilise the site of Odessa infant school, by increasing the net capacity of St. James Junior school from 360 to 630. It is proposed that all pupils attending Odessa Infant School at the time of its closure and St. James' CoE Junior School will automatically transfer onto the roll of the enlarged Primary School on 1 September 2026.

6. Procedure for making representations (objections and comments)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal either by **emailing**:

Schoolplaceplanning@newham.gov.uk

or **writing to**:

Education Access and Sufficiency,
Children and Young People Service.

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The closing date for receipt of responses to the representation period is **17 December 2025 at 5pm.**