

## STATUTORY NOTICE

### PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE CALVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL KING GEORGE AVENUE, LONDON, E16 3ET. DfE NO. 316/2089

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 15 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011) and the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013, that the London Borough of Newham is proposing to close Calverton Primary School with effect from 31st August 2026.

The reason for this proposal is that there has been a significant reduction of pupils joining Calverton Primary School, with total on roll numbers dropping to 207 at the May 2025 census against the current 420 PAN capacity. This high vacancy rate means that the school has become financially unviable. With no projected increase in numbers due to falling rolls across the primary phase in Newham and a growing budget deficit; the school will not be able to sustain the financial, educational and wellbeing responsibilities to their children and families and staff.

The Council's Cabinet will meet after the end of the representation period to take the final decision on whether to discontinue Calverton Primary School.

Should the decision to discontinue the school be agreed, all children attending Calverton Primary School will be offered a place in local schools for September 2026.

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](mailto:Schoolplaceplanning@newham.gov.uk) or **writing to:**

Education Access and Sufficiency  
Children and Young People Service  
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London, E16 2QU

The closing date for receipt of responses to the representation period is **22 October 2025** at 5pm. The Council's Cabinet will meet within two months after the end of the representation period; to take the final decision on whether to discontinue Calverton Primary School.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. A copy of the complete proposal can be viewed at: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/education-consultations/2>. If you require a paper copy of this, please contact us via email at: [schoolplaceplanning@newham.gov.uk](mailto:schoolplaceplanning@newham.gov.uk)

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### 1. Contact details (name and address of proposer)

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

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London, E16 3ET  
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### 2. Implementation

The planned implementation date for the closure of Calverton Primary School is 31st August 2026.

### 3. Reason for closure

The number of children in Newham mainstream primary schools decreased between 2019 and 2024 by 2,297, with no projected increase expected in the next five years. This ongoing trend has meant that 23% of the reception places in Newham were unfilled at the October census 2024 count, leaving schools struggling to fill up to their published admission numbers (PAN).

Calverton Primary School is one of the schools whose pupil numbers have been falling at a significantly higher rate than most other schools. The smaller class sizes based on the number of pupils in the school has meant that the amount of money that Calverton receives from central government has reduced. This significant income loss has also impacted on the school's ability to set a budget, pay salaries, provide extracurricular activities and sustain its utilities costs.

At the end of the 2023/24 financial year, the school had a deficit balance of £0.6m. The outturn for financial year 2024/25 is £0.5m, taking the cumulative deficit position to £1.1m.

As the school has been running with a growing deficit which it now has no realistic prospect of being able to repay, there is a greater risk of the school being unable to continue to provide a high quality of education to all its pupils, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This will also have a negative impact on the wellbeing of staff at the school.

This year on year drop in numbers and smaller class sizes means that the school's viability and long-term sustainability is at risk with no immediate prospect of

reaching pupil capacity levels to enable a reduction or recovery of the accumulated deficit over a reasonable period.

The table in section 4 below shows the number of unfilled places in each year group at the May 2025 census.

#### 4. Pupil numbers and admissions

Calverton Primary School is a maintained community school for pupils aged 3-11. The school has a published admission number (PAN) of 60 in each year group, having reduced their PAN from 90 per year group in September 2024.

Calverton Primary School- (Unfilled places as at May 2025 census)

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
PAN 2025/26	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	420
Roll numbers (May 2025)	27	19	39	23	29	27	43	207
No. of unfilled places	33	41	21	37	31	33	17	213
% of unfilled places	55%	68%	35%	62%	52%	55%	28%	51%

Of the total 207 pupils on roll above, 106 were boys and 101 were girls.

Special Educational Needs provision - of the total 207 pupils, 56 had special educational needs; of which 35 were on SEN support and 20 had an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.

At the May 2025 census, Calverton Primary had 18 children in its nursery provision, of which 8 were boys and 10 were girls.

#### 5. Displaced pupils

Where possible, we will offer each child currently attending Calverton Primary School a place in a primary school near to their home.

We will place a child at the school preferred by the parents but where preference cannot be met, we will allocate a place at the closest school to the pupil's home that has a suitable place. Pupils will be added to the waiting list, if not offered their higher preferred school(s).

The local authority will attempt to place all the siblings or the majority of the siblings in the closest school that can accommodate the maximum number of the children, even if individually they could have been placed in separate schools closer to their home address.

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan who have Resource Provision places reserved for pupils with special educational needs will be supported to ensure they have places at suitable alternative schools based on the care outlined in their plan.

Mapping of children by postcode at Calverton Primary School based on the May 2025 census demonstrates that of the 95% of Newham resident pupils, 77% reside in Custom House, Beckton and Royal Albert wards. This means that families are very likely to have several alternative schools within shortest walking to their home address.

The reported number of pupils at Calverton Primary School as at 18 September 2025 is outlined below.

Calverton Primary	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total
On roll numbers	22	25	17	37	23	30	25	179

It is expected that pupil numbers will change; they may reduce between now, the final Cabinet decision, and leading up to the implementation period, if a decision is made to discontinue the school.

The table below shows the reported vacancies across each year group at nearest primary schools as of 18 September 2025.

School	Distance from Calverton	R	1	2	3	4	5
Scott Wilkie Primary school	0.403 miles	2	24	9	7	3	10
Saint Joachim's RC primary school	0.660 miles	15	0	15	11	5	26
Ellen Wilkinson primary school	0.698 miles	2	0	0	0	3	0
Rosetta primary school	0.924 miles	3	11	11	0	0	11
Tollgate primary school	1.033 miles	2	6	3	0	6	26
Kaizen primary school	1.221miles	2	9	5	1	1	1
North Beckton primary school	1.261 miles	0	8	9	0	1	13

There are sufficient alternative places for children attending the nursery class. The table below shows the number of unfilled nursery places at the nearest school to Calverton.

Children in the Calverton nursery provision as at May 2025 Census	Unfilled places at nearby nursery provision
18	38

No interim arrangements are required for pupils at the school.

## 6. Impact on the community

As a Council, Newham is legally responsible for the planning and provision of school places across its local area. This responsibility includes ensuring sufficiency across education provision and must address surplus as well as deficit school places. It will, therefore, consider how best to organise schools for the efficient and effective delivery of high-quality education.

This proposal for the potential removal of surplus school places means that we want the best for our communities and our approach focuses on delivering optimal services for our residents within the framework of good governance and transparency. The discontinuation of Calverton Primary School would reduce the number of surplus primary school places in the borough.

By doing nothing and allowing the growing budget deficit, overtime the quality of education will be put at risk and will have an adverse impact on the wellbeing of staff.

**7. Rural primary schools**

Not applicable

**8. Balance of denominational provision**

Not applicable

**9. Maintained nursery schools**

A nursery provision currently exists at Calverton Primary School. Parents who access this provision will be able to access alternative provision locally.

Information and advice for parents can be found at:

<https://families.newham.gov.uk/kb5/newham/directory/family.page?familychannel=11>

**10. Sixth form provision**

Not applicable

**11. Special educational needs provision**

Calverton Primary School has a 21 place Resource Provision reserved for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Approximately 17% of the pupils in the school as at the 2025 May census required SEN support and 10% had an EHC plan.

The Council fully appreciates that a change of setting for pupils with SEND can often be challenging and require additional support to ensure a successful transition. If the decision is taken to proceed with the closure, families with children receiving SEN support will be offered support to ensure their children have suitable place at alternative schools.

Early Annual Reviews will be conducted for pupils with EHC plans, in line with the Children and Families Act to identify an alternative provision in other settings, including the potential for additional capacity made available within other Resource Provisions to ensure that they are appropriately placed. Where necessary, tailored support arrangements will be put in place.

Dedicated SEND Officers and a Team Manager will be allocated to support transition of pupils. Council officers will also work closely with receiving schools to ensure that appropriate support is provided for pupils and their families during the transition process.

The Council acknowledges the excellent support provided by Calverton Primary School for children with SEND. Unfortunately, this support will become increasingly difficult to sustain with falling rolls. The financial impact of low pupil numbers is cumulative and means that, in the coming years, it will be unable to continue to provide the same level of support as the budget deficit grows. However, this proposal will ensure that outcomes for pupils with SEND will continue

to improve as they would move to more financially viable schools. These schools would be able to provide continuity of provision and the necessary support to enable successful transitions and positive outcomes for children with EHC plans and those receiving SEN support.

## **12. Travel**

All children on roll at Calverton Primary School will be offered places at local schools. Every parent is able to make a preference for an alternative school, so longer journeys to school may occur for some families that previously attended Calverton Primary School. There are school places available within the statutory walking distance for primary aged children.

## **13. Procedure for making representations (objections and comments)**

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