

STATUTORY NOTICE

**CLOSURE OF GALLIONS MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL
PURRETT ROAD, PLUMSTEAD, LONDON, SE18 1JR
DFE NO. 203/2242**

Notice is 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 Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to close Gallions Mount Primary School with effect from **31st August 2025**.

We have considered the responses to the recent informal consultation on the future of the school which ended on 20 December 2024. As it did not provide any viable options to support the school remaining open, we are publishing this statutory proposal for closure.

Should the decision to close Gallions Mount Primary School be taken, all children attending the school would be supported to find places at alternative schools in line with parental preferences and/or availability of places within the area starting in September 2025.

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

- a) Emailing objections, comments, or questions to:
school-place-planning@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
- or
- b) Writing to:
Admissions, Place Planning & Capital Projects Service,
Royal Greenwich Children's Services,
First Floor,
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street,
London SE18 6HQ.

Responses must be received **by 5pm on Friday 7th February 2025** when this statutory notice and the representation period will expire. In line with the requirements of Schedule 2, Paragraph 18 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (as amended by the Education Act 2011), a decision must be taken by the decision maker no later than two months following the expiry of the representation period. Therefore, the Council's Cabinet must make a decision on this proposal **by 7th April 2025** (subject to a 5-day call in period), otherwise, it must refer the decision to the Schools Adjudicator.

Details of the proposal is below and published on our [website](#). A copy can also be requested by emailing school-place-planning@royalgreenwich.gov.uk.

STATUTORY PROPOSAL TO CLOSE GALLIONS MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Royal Borough of Greenwich hereby publishes this statutory proposal under Section 15(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to close Gallions Mount Primary School with effect from 31st August 2025.

CONTACT DETAILS:

1. **The Proposer**
The Royal Borough of Greenwich, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich, London SE18 6HQ
Website: www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk
2. **The School**
Gallions Mount Primary School, Purrett Road, Plumstead, London, SE18 1JR
Telephone: 020 8854 2691
Email: info@gallionsmount.greenwich.sch.uk
3. **School category:**
Gallions Mount Primary School is a community school maintained by the Royal Borough of Greenwich.



IMPLEMENTATION:

The planned implementation date for the closure of Gallions Mount Primary School is 31st August 2025.

REASON FOR CLOSURE:

The main factors leading to the closure proposal are low and falling pupil numbers impacting on the school's financial viability and consequent ability to sustain a high-quality education for pupils.

Pupil numbers at Gallions Mount Primary School have consistently declined over recent years. As school budgets are based on the number of pupils a school has on its roll, there has been a growing financial pressure on the school's finances, which is expected to worsen if Gallions Mount Primary School were to remain open. By the end of the 2024/2025 academic year, the school is projected to have a deficit of £527k, rising to £1.2M by the end of the 2025/2026 academic year. This represents 30% and 75% of the school's budget respectively.

PUPIL NUMBERS AND ADMISSIONS

Despite extensive efforts by the school to attract more families, Gallions Mount Primary School has not seen any improvement in the number of families applying to the school. From October 2021 to October 2024, the total number of pupils enrolled at the school decreased by nearly a quarter, dropping from 295 to 174 (see Figure 1 below). By December 2024, live data from our attendance monitoring system shows that the number of pupils currently enrolled at the school has fallen further to 157 pupils, excluding nursery-aged pupils. This continuous decline in pupil numbers has resulted in a significant loss of essential funding year after year. With a per pupil funding rate of £7,690 in 2024/25, the school's lost revenue this academic year is estimated at £407,570.

With the current enrolment number being well below the expected number for a one-form entry primary school, which has a capacity for 210 pupils from Reception to Year 6, the school is not considered financially viable to continue to operate.

Figure 1 below shows the number of pupils enrolled at the school's nursery and Reception Year in January and October 2024, while Figure 2 shows the number of pupils enrolled in each year group as of the October 2024 census.

Figure 1: Gallions Mount Pupil Numbers in January and October 2024

Academic Year	Oct 2024 census roll figures		Oct census whole school roll figures Total FTE
	Nursery (FTE)	Reception	
2020/2021	8	29	295
2021/2022	7	29	264
2022/2023	6.5	30	248.5
2023/2024	8.5	21	227.5
2024/2025	4	20	174

Academic Year	Jan 2024 census roll figures		Jan census roll figures whole school roll figures Total FTE
	Nursery (FTE)	Reception	
2020/2021	8	29	289
2021/2022	12	26	267
2022/2023	10	30	253
2023/2024	8.5	21	224.5
2024/2025	NA	NA	NA

FTE = full time equivalent i.e. part time nursery pupils reflect 0.5

Figure 2: Gallions Mount Current Pupil Numbers by Year Group – as of October 2024 school census

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
No. of pupils	20 (30)	18 (30)	23 (30)	28 (30)	26 (30)	29 (60)	26 (60)

Figure 3 below shows the gender split and the number of children with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan enrolled at the school as at October 2024 school census. The consultation process on alternative schools for children with EHC Plan has commenced in line with the statutory SEND process to ensure that these children are not impacted by the proposal to close the school, should it be implemented.

Figure 3: Gender and SEN characteristics of pupils on roll by Year Group as of October and January 2024 school

Oct 24	Male	Female	SEN Support	EHCP
Nursery	4	4		
Reception	5	15	2	
Year 1	12	6	5	
Year 2	14	9	6	1
Year 3	11	17	8	3
Year 4	16	10	11	1
Year 5	16	13	7	3
Year 6	11	15	7	2
Total Roll	89	89	46	10

Jan 24	Male	Female	SEN Support	EHCP
Nursery	5	14	1	
Reception	11	10	4	
Year 1	16	12	8	
Year 2	13	17	9	3
Year 3	16	13	13	1
Year 4	13	14	8	2
Year 5	11	14	7	2
Year 6	27	27	17	1
Total Roll	112	121	67	9

DISPLACED PUPILS, IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY, BALANCE OF DENOMINATIONAL PROVISION AND TRAVEL

As at the October 2024 census, there were 174 pupils on roll in Reception to Year 6. Since the start of the Stage 1 informal consultation process on the proposed closure in November 2024, some families have made in-year applications to transfer their children to other schools. As of December 2024, live data from our attendance monitoring system shows that 157 children in Reception to Year 6 remained enrolled at the school. As the closure of the school will not affect the children in Year 6 as they will be transferring to secondary in September 2024, at most, 132 pupils are expected to be affected by a decision to close the school in August 2025.

Figure 4 below shows the number of places available in Royal Greenwich schools within a two-mile walking distance to Gallions Mount Primary School as of 18 December 2024. While these numbers are due to vary based on pupil movements during the year, there are 798 spare places in Reception to Year 5 in schools within a reasonable distance to Gallions Mount Primary School. This is evidence that there are enough spare capacity in local schools to accommodate children likely to be displaced if the decision to close Gallions Mount Primary School is implemented.

Figure 4: Vacancies in Royal Greenwich Schools within a two-mile walking distance to Gallions Mount Primary School as of December 2024

School	RY	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Total (RY – Y5)	Total (RY – Y6)
Alexander McLeod	11	16	21	7	13	8	1	76	77
Bannockburn	0	0	6	5	7	0	12	18	30
Boxgrove	4	13	4	10	3	4	0	38	38
Conway	8	-2	9	2	1	3	9	21	30
De Lucy	7	3	23	4	3	15	8	55	63
Discovery	19	10	6	-1	0	15	2	49	51
Eglington	3	5	2	13	8	11	9	42	51
Foxfield	0	2	1	4	2	2	2	11	13
Hawksmoor	8	-1	0	12	6	1	7	26	33
Heronsgate	12	1	6	22	12	19	16	72	88
Greenslade	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	4	6
Nightingale	1	4	3	1	4	2	0	15	15
Notre Dame RC	6	8	5	4	1	-2	4	22	26
Plumcroft Vincnt Rd	1	1	2	2	7	1	9	13	22
Plumcroft Plum Lane	1	0	5	15	6	13	7	40	47
Rockcliffe Manor	0	4	0	4	4	1	8	13	21

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South Rise	18	23	3	8	26	10	17	88	105
St Margaret Clitherow	3	0	4	7	4	5	4	23	27
St Margaret's	9	4	2	9	16	12	6	52	58
St Patricks	3	10	3	4	0	-2	-5	18	13
St Thomas A Becket	14	3	11	6	16	0	9	50	50
Timbercroft	4	14	3	7	14	4	5	46	51
Windrush Thamesmead Primary School	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	6	7
Total vacancies	133	120	119	148	154	124	124	798	922

The evidence in Figures 4 shows that given the availability of spare places in local schools, the impact on the community of the closure of Gallions Mount Primary School will be limited.

Having considered parents' request to keep the current Year 5 pupils together through the rest of their primary education, an in-principle agreement has been reached between the Council and South Rise Primary School. If Gallions Mount closes, a new class will be opened at South Rise, allowing Year 5 pupils to transfer together and complete their primary education with their classmates.

Working collaboratively with other schools in the borough, measures are being taken to facilitate redeployment (where possible and appropriate) of staff likely to be displaced by the closure to other Royal Greenwich schools where there are staff vacancies. Where redeployment is not possible, appropriate individual support will be offered to limit the impact of the closure on affected staff.

In addition, the Trades Unions and relevant professional associations will be consulted with regular liaison maintained with them throughout the closure process, if closure is agreed.

Royal Borough of Greenwich

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (AS AMENDED) Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2015 Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (AS AMENDED) Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans at <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/planning>.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 08/01/2025

Victoria Geoghegan
Assistant Director - Planning and Building Control



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Publicity for Planning Applications

Applicant: Mr Raza Rentease Ltd 24/3974/F
Site Address: 183-185 TRAFALGAR ROAD, LONDON, SE10 9EQ
Development: Construction of a mansard roof extension to create a 3-bedroom flat at the mansard level; other associated external and internal alterations.
Conservation Area: adjacent to East Greenwich

Applicant: Rebecca Hopewell 24/4123/HD
Site Address: 83 BLACKHEATH PARK, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 0EU
Development: Construction of a side extension and elevational alterations.
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK

Applicant: Sean Stapleton 24/4104/HD
Site Address: 71 ASHBURNHAM GROVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UJ
Development: Installation of new timber box sash windows to the front and rear of the property, to match existing style of other windows.
Conservation Area: ASHBURNHAM TRIANGLE

Applicant: Mr Siddharth Agrawal 24/4139/HD
Site Address: 62 CORNER GREEN, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 9JJ
Development: Installation of a porch.
Conservation Area: BLACKHEATH PARK

Applicant: Mr K. Nirvan 24/4209/HD
Site Address: 57 HERVEY ROAD, KIDBROOKE, LONDON, SE3 8BX
Development: Construction of a 3.0 metre single storey rear extension.
Conservation Area: SUN IN THE SANDS

ROYAL BOROUGH of GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) LASSELL STREET PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE (ORDER)

- The Royal Borough of Greenwich makes this Order in exercise of powers under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This is to facilitate works by Thames Water who need to install a new water connection.
- The Order will come into operation on 13th January 2025 and would continue to be valid for 18 months. However, the works are expected to take 4 days. The duration of the Order can be extended with the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport.
- The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding, or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Lassell Street at the junction of Trafalgar Road.
- Whilst the Order is in operation traffic will be diverted via the placing of the appropriate signage. Prohibitions remain in force; pedestrians are not affected, and vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible.
- Nothing in this Notice will apply to anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or traffic warden, to emergency service vehicles, or to vehicles being used in connection with the works.
- The restrictions described above will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs as prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
- Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6340.

Ryan Nibbs Assistant Director, Transport.
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ



INTERNAL REF - EM/ LA480767 FN728 /LIC No 72496

ROYAL BOROUGH of GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - Section 14(1) GODSTOW ROAD PLANNED PARKING ORDER

- The Royal Borough of Greenwich makes this Order in exercise of powers under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This is to facilitate works by ALEXANDER JAMES to allow access to their construction site.
- The Order will come into operation on 06/01/2025 00:00 and would continue to be valid for 18 months. However, the works are expected to take 365 days. The duration of the Order can be extended with the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport.
- The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from parking or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading), at the side of 113 TO 131 Godstow Road.
- Prohibitions remain in force; pedestrians are not affected, and vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible.
- Nothing in this Notice will apply to anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or traffic warden, to emergency service vehicles, or to vehicles being used in connection with the works.
- The restrictions described above will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs as prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
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Ryan Nibbs Assistant Director, Transport.
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ

Dated 05/12/2024

INTERNAL REF: PL / FN717 / Lic. No: 72261



ROYAL BOROUGH of GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1) SUN LANE PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE (ORDER)

- The Royal Borough of Greenwich makes this Order in exercise of powers under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This is to facilitate works by Southern Gas Network who need to install a new service connection.
- The Order will come into operation on 13th January 2025 and would continue to be valid for 18 months. However, the works are expected to take 5 days. The duration of the Order can be extended with the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport.
- The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding, or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading), in Sun Lane side of 123 Shooters Hill Road.
- Whilst the Order is in operation traffic will not need to be diverted as this is a dead-end road. Prohibitions remain in force; pedestrians are not affected, and vehicle access will be maintained wherever possible.
- Nothing in this Notice will apply to anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or traffic warden, to emergency service vehicles, or to vehicles being used in connection with the works.
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- Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6340.

Ryan Nibbs Assistant Director, Transport.
The Woolwich Centre,
35 Wellington Street, SE18 6HQ

Dated 11 November 2024

INTERNAL REF: PL / LA479423 / FN710 / Lic. No: 72534



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