

# Consultation on the future of Stamford Hill Primary School

## Public meeting held on Monday 7 October 2019, 9.15am at Tiverton Primary School

### In attendance:

#### LA Officers

Eveleen Riordan, Assistant Director, Schools and Learning **(ER)**

Carlo Kodsi, Head of Admissions, Education & School Organisation **(CK)**

Nick Shasha, School Place Planning Lead / minute taker **(NS)**

#### Tiverton Primary School

Resham Mirza, Headteacher **(RM)**

Igraine Rhodes, Chair of Governors **(IR)**

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## 1. PRESENTATION

**CK:** Welcome. We are experiencing falling rolls in Haringey. This is also being seen across London. We have had an informal consultation and we offered a number of options for the future of Stamford Hill. We received 52 responses. We presented all the views from the consultation to the Council Cabinet. We had to consider many factors such as the quality of education at Stamford Hill and other local schools, the need for school places against falling rolls and school sustainability.

We are now in the 6-week consultation around the option of amalgamation. We want to hear your views so we can work together. The closing date is 21<sup>st</sup> October. Our report will make recommendations to Cabinet for a Cabinet meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November. If Cabinet approve the decision, we will publish a statutory notice on November 20<sup>th</sup>. There would then be a 4-week representation period, the last opportunity to make comments.

In January, Council's Cabinet will make a final decision of amalgamation and closure. If amalgamation does go ahead all pupils at Stamford Hill will be guaranteed a place at Tiverton. We want to ensure safety of all pupils and siblings in the event that both school sites will be in operation. The benefits of amalgamation will provide a long term and sustainable model for improvement as more pupils will mean more funding for the school. A 2-form school is more aligned to the projected demand for local school places.

The school will still have strong links to the local community, and we welcome your views on how to shape this in the future through this consultation. Tiverton is rated Good by Ofsted and we feel an amalgamation will allow teachers to raise standards even further.

## 2. Q&A

NB. Comments made (rather than questions) are in italic.

### **CK invited comments and questions from families and staff present.**

Q1: When the schools merge, will Stamford Hill get their own funding for their pupils or will Tiverton be getting extra money for Stamford Hill pupils? ER: Each pupil brings their own funding and we may obtain additional resources for the school should they be required.

Q2: There are so few children left at Stamford Hill that the rumours are that the school is closing down anyway. Is there anyone left in Year 2? CK: The school are running mixed-age classes.

*My child's education has lapsed because of this. My child was watching cartoons.*

Q3: Will the new school be over-crowded? Will it affect our pupils here (Tiverton)? CK: There is capacity to accommodate Stamford Hill children on the Tiverton site and adjustments will be made, if necessary.

*CK: Feel free to come up front and take questions on a one to one basis. Asks parents and carers attending to complete survey consultation.*

**---Meeting ends---**

Additional copies of translated survey questionnaire and FAQs are circulated to parents attending the meeting and spare copies were left behind at school reception.