

STATUTORY NOTICE

PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS

Amalgamation of Tennyson Road Infant School and Alfred Street Junior School through closure and enlargement

Part 1

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that North Northampton Council intends to make the following prescribed alterations to Alfred Street Junior School from 1st September 2022:

- (a) To lower the age range of the school to 3 - 11 years, thereby becoming a primary school.
- (b) The enlargement of the premises of the school.

School: Alfred Street Junior School, Rushden, Northamptonshire, NN10 9YS (Community School)

Current Admission Number	Proposed Admission Number	Current Age Range	Proposed Age Range	Current Capacity	Proposed Capacity (excluding nursery)	Current Number of Pupils on Roll
30	30	7 to 11	3 to 11	232	210	100

Part 2

Notice is given in accordance with the provisions of Part 2, Section 15 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and the School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013. North Northampton Council intends to discontinue Tennyson Road Infant, a community school on the 1st September 2023.

It is proposed that all pupils attending Tennyson Road Infant school at the time of its closure and Alfred Street Junior School Junior School will automatically transfer onto the roll of the enlarged Primary School (See Part 1). As no pupils are being displaced and no additional pupils added, it is not expected that the closure of the aforementioned school will have a negative impact upon any local schools.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal which is available for download via this link:

[Update on the proposed amalgamation of Tennyson Road Infant School and Alfred Street Junior School in Rushden](#) PDF 457 KB

Contact details

Name and address of local authority publishing the proposal:

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

- Tennyson Road Infant School, 1 Highfield Rd, Rushden Northamptonshire NN10 9QD (Community School)
- Alfred Street Junior School, Rushden, Northamptonshire, NN10 9YS (Community School)

Implementation (Date on which it is proposed to amalgamate the schools)

It is proposed to implement the amalgamation as follows:

- Tennyson Road Infant School would close from 31 August 2023
- Alfred Street Junior School would alter its age range and have a Published Admission Number of 30 places Reception from 1 September 2023.

Note: The Secretary of State for Education must approve the change of age range of Alfred Street Junior School before North Northampton Council's Cabinet can approve the closure of Tennyson Road Infant School as the proposals are linked and interdependent.

- All children attending or due to attend Tennyson Road Infant School would transfer to the enlarged Alfred Street Junior School on 1 September 2023.
- Children currently attending Alfred Street Junior School would continue to do so.

Reason for amalgamation

On Thursday 25th August 2022 North Northampton Council Cabinet approved the recommendation to publish a Statutory Notice on the proposal to amalgamate Tennyson Road Infant School and Alfred Street Junior School through a closure of Tennyson Road Infant and enlargement of Alfred Street Junior School.

The Council, in partnership with the Governing Bodies of Alfred Street Junior School and Tennyson Road Infant School, is intending for the two schools to amalgamate and become one all-through primary school from the 1 September 2023, admitting pupils from 3 (Nursery) to 11 (Year 6) years of age.

The proposal is being put forward as a strategy for these two schools to reduce financial challenges due to falling numbers and secure ongoing provision for the education of children. The Council and the Governing Bodies of both schools wish to meet the challenges for education in the future and to enable children to continue experiencing excellent teaching and learning. In this situation, a primary school is considered to be more educationally and financially sustainable than separate infant and junior schools.



The Steering Group, made up of members of the Governing Bodies of Alfred Street Junior School and Tennyson Road Infant School, reviewed the future for both schools and consider that now is the right time for both schools to combine and become a single, all-through primary. It is the view of the Steering Group that this decision will lead to the development of a stronger, sustainable school that will be best placed to meet the needs of children, parents/carers and the wider community into the future.

Consultation

An initial stakeholder consultation was run by both schools supported by the Local Authority in March 2022. Full details of this are included in Appendix A.

School capacity, Pupil numbers and admissions

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

Tennyson Road Infant School is a mainstream school for pupils aged 3 to 7 years. The school has a published admission number (PAN) of 30 in Reception and 60 in Year 1 and Year 2. As of the 1 September 2021, the school had 51 pupils on roll.

Alfred Street Junior School is a mainstream school for pupils aged 7 to 11. The school has a PAN of 60 in every year group. As of the 1 September 2021, the school had 101 pupils on roll.

The Pupil Admission Number (PAN) for each year group of the single all-through 3 to 11 primary school will be 30.

Displaced Pupils

This proposal forms an amalgamation, and therefore no pupils would be displaced. From 1 September 2023, pupils currently at Tennyson Road Infants School will have places at the primary school, that being the enlarged Alfred Street Junior school.

Impact on the Community

Tennyson Road Infant School and Alfred Street Junior School serve the same geographic area and are near to each other. The proposal will provide certainty of progression from nursery to the primary phase and offer an all-through primary education. Therefore, it is not anticipated that there will be any adverse impact on the community.

Rural primary schools

Not applicable.

Balance of denominational provision

Not applicable.



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Early Years provision

It is intended that the current nursery provision at Tennyson Road Infant School would continue to operate as part of the primary school, and the proposed age-range change of Alfred Street Junior School includes the nursery provision.

Changes in boarding arrangements

Not Applicable

Sixth Form provision

Not applicable.

Sex of pupils

Both schools are co-educational.
Not applicable

Travel

Alfred Street Junior School and Tennyson Road Infant school are on separate sites. Both schools are within walking distance of one another. Depending on which site the all-through primary school is located on there will be potential changes to the route and distance for pupils and their families to travel.

Procedure for Making Representations (objections and comments)

Within four weeks from the date of the publication of this Statutory Notice, by any person who may object to or make comments on the proposal by email or post.