

**Consultation on Relocation of Islamia Primary School
from September 2027**

A Public Consultation

**Proposed Change of Location of Islamia Primary
School from September 2027**

**(Consultation period: Tuesday 27 May to Tuesday 24
June 2025)**

**For further information please attend one of the consultation meetings
being held in June 2025**

Consultation meeting for staff 2 June 2025 at 4.00 – 5.00 pm at IPS
Public meetings for parents/other interested parties 9 June 2025 at 9.00 – 10.30 am at Islamia Primary School 9 June 2025 at 5.00 – 6.30 pm at Islamia Primary School 17 June 2025 at 6.00 – 7.00 pm at Islamia Primary School 19 June 2025 at 6.00 – 7.30 pm at Leopold Gwenneth Rickus Site on Brentfield Road

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1.	The proposals The Yusuf Islam Foundation has served notices on the Governing Board of Islamia Primary School, requiring the school to leave its current site on Salusbury Road. The current eviction notice is being extended until August 2026 to allow time for this consultation process. The Governing Board of Islamia Primary School is proposing the relocation of the school to the site currently known as Leopold Gwenneth Rickus on Brentfield Road, NW10 8HE as a 2 form entry school (offering 60 places in each year group and 420 places in total). The Governing Board is seeking the views of interested parties on this proposal through this informal consultation. This informal consultation provides an opportunity for discussion with staff, parents and the public about the issues that need to be considered in relation to this proposal. If an alternative site is not identified for the school, then consideration will need to be given to closing the school. If, following informal consultation, the Governing Board remain of the view that the proposals should be progressed, the Governing Board will undertake formal consultation through publishing a statutory notice. A statutory notice would then be published allowing for formal representations on the proposals for a period of four weeks from the date of publication. The statutory notice must contain sufficient information for interested parties to make a decision on whether to support or challenge the proposed changes. Following formal consultation, Brent Cabinet would be asked to make a final decision on the proposals.
2.	Background and rationale Islamia Primary School (IPS) was established as an independent school in 1983 by the Islamia Schools Trust. The school was granted public funded status as a Grant Maintained school (GM) and then Voluntary Aided status in 1998. The school is currently located on Salusbury Road school site, which is owned by the Yusuf Islam Foundation. The buildings also house the Islamia Girls School, an independent fee-paying school established by the Islamia Schools Trust in 1989, which became incorporated with the Yusuf Islam Foundation in 2010. The primary school also occupies classroom space in nearby Winkworth Hall, which is owned by the Council. Islamia Primary School (IPS) originally opened as a one-form entry (1FE) school. In 2006, the Yusuf Islam Foundation was approached by the Local Authority to help

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	support pupils from the nearby Avenue School, another voluntary aided Muslim faith primary school, which the Trustees of The Avenue School had decided to close. The Foundation and the Governing Body of IPS agreed to welcome the Avenue pupils and staff, and the school expanded to become a two-form entry (2FE) school. Since the Salusbury Road site could not accommodate the additional pupils, the school began using rented space at Winkworth Hall for some classes. Since 2010 the school has been operating as a 2FE school from the shared Salusbury Road site and using accommodation at Winkworth Hall, that is owned by the Council. This has been extremely challenging for IPS, from both an administrative and operational impact, as well as a student experience perspective. IPS is a popular over subscribed school as the only state Muslim school in the borough. The school has 420 pupils on roll and each year the 60 Reception places are usually offered to families who applied for the school as their first preference. The school has a high sibling factor with an average of 43% of Reception places in both September 2025 and September 2024 offered to siblings. The majority of pupils on roll are from Brent. Since 2020, the YIF, as owners of the Salusbury Road site, has served eviction notices on IPS requiring the Council to identify an alternative site. YIF has at various times since, agreed not to enforce these notices , to afford the Local Authority more time to locate a more suitable site. The latest notice served by YIF in December 2023 requires the school to vacate the premises by January 2026. The YIF has, however, agreed to further extend the current eviction notice until August 2026 to allow time for consultation on a move to the Gwenneth Rickus site to be undertaken and to extend the eviction notice for a further 12 months until August 2027 if a decision is taken to relocate the school to the site. If an alternative site is not identified for the school, then consideration may need to be given to closing the school.
3.	Detail of Proposals to relocate Islamia Primary School The current eviction notice means that Islamia Primary School cannot stay on its current site beyond January 2026. In 2022 formal consultation was undertaken by the Governing Board with staff, parents and the local community on a proposal to relocate the school to the Strathcona site in Wembley. Several concerns were raised during the consultation, including concerns from parents about access to the site, the distance from the current location and concerns from local residents about increased local traffic and associated parking issues if provision on the site increased. The Governing Board

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	decided not to move forward with the statutory consultation on the proposal while the Council continued to search for suitable alternatives. The Brentfield Road site has been identified as a potential site for the school. It has appropriate capacity for a two form of entry primary school, which would allow Islamia Primary School to continue as a 2 form entry school offering 60 places a year. The site is currently used by Leopold Primary School, which expanded onto the site in 2013 as bulge provision when demand for primary school places in Brent was very high. In the context of a reducing primary school population across the borough, a Brent Council decision has been taken for the school to no longer use the site from September 2027. The Brentfield Road site is 2.27 miles from the current Islamia Primary School site. Children who are currently in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 would transfer to the site from September 2027. 30% of these pupils live closer to the Brentfield Road site than the Salusbury Road site. Parents of children applying for a place at the school in 2025, 2026 and 2027 will be made aware of the plans to relocate the school and will be able to apply for places in other schools if they wish to do so. Parents who feel that the new site will be too far away to commute to will be able to change schools to a nearer school to their home. The Brentfield Road site is located on the 206 and 224 bus routes. The 206 route is a direct route between Islamia Primary School and the proposed school building. The 224 bus route runs south from Brent Park towards the Central Middlesex hospital and Ealing. Families travelling by public transport from further north (Gladstone Park etc.) may need to travel to Neasden and change on to one of the buses that serves Brentfield Road. The Brentfield Road site can also be accessed by taking a train to Harlesden Station (Bakerloo Line and Lioness Line), which is only three stops from Queen's Park station, and then travelling on the 206 bus for the rest of the journey. The school currently attracts pupils from a wide geographic area and in the future the population that the school serves may change in response to the new location. If the school did not relocate to the proposed new site, and a new site could not be located, then the school may need to close with pupils needing to be offered places at alternative schools.
4.	Frequently asked questions If the school relocates, where would my child go to school? Your child would transfer with the school to the new site.

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	Can I change my child's school now? • Yes – you can submit an in-year application for any school. An offer will only be made for preference schools if there are vacancies. Can parents apply for Islamia Primary School for Reception in September 2026 and September 2027? • Yes. Parents who receive an offer of a place to start at Islamia Primary School in September 2026 or September 2027 would be made aware of the proposal for the school to relocate to the Brentfield Road site for September 2027. Parents will be able to request a place at an alternative school if the proposal to relocate is agreed and they do not want their child to travel to the new site. Will free transport be provided for parents whose children attend Islamia Primary School to the proposed new site? • There is currently no identified budget to fund transport for families currently attending Islamia Primary School. Parents can request an alternative place at a school closer to where they live. What will happen to the existing school site? • Islamia Primary School is currently co-located on the Salusbury Road site with Islamia Girls School, the Yusuf Islam Foundation's private secondary school for girls. The Foundation plans to co-locate its other private provision, Brondesbury College, on the site with Islamia Girls School once Islamia Primary School relocates.										
5.	Timeline The Governing Board and Brent Council will follow the statutory guidance set out in the Department for Education document 'Making significant changes ('prescribed alterations') to maintained schools' (2018). The indicative timetable for the full statutory consultation process is as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th><th>Action</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>27 May 2025</td><td>Informal Consultation begins</td></tr> <tr> <td>2 June 2025</td><td>Consultation meeting for school staff at 4.00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>9 June 2025</td><td>Consultation meetings for the public at 9.00am and 5.00pm</td></tr> <tr> <td>Date to be confirmed</td><td>Consultation meeting for the public at 6.00 – 7.30 pm at Leopold Gwenneth Rickus Site on Brentfield Road</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Action	27 May 2025	Informal Consultation begins	2 June 2025	Consultation meeting for school staff at 4.00pm	9 June 2025	Consultation meetings for the public at 9.00am and 5.00pm	Date to be confirmed	Consultation meeting for the public at 6.00 – 7.30 pm at Leopold Gwenneth Rickus Site on Brentfield Road
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	24 June 2025	Informal Consultation closes – deadline for responses
	27 June 2025	Governing Board decision on agreeing formal consultation
	30 June 2025	Publication of statutory proposal notice and formal consultation*
	28 July 2025	Formal Consultation closes*
	September 2025	Final Decision by Brent Council Cabinet*
	September 2025	Transition plan implemented to ensure relocation in September 2027**
	01 September 2027	Relocation of the school to the new site**
* <i>subject to agreement to proceed to a formal consultation</i> ** <i>subject to agreement by Brent Council Cabinet</i> All timings are subject to change. If, after this informal consultation, the Governing Board decides to proceed with the proposal, a statutory notice would be published in accordance with school organisation legislation. This would provide a further period of four weeks of formal consultation when anyone can comment on any aspect of the proposal whether in support or disagreement. Following the representation period, Brent Council's Cabinet would make a final decision on the proposal in accordance with Government guidance for school organisation decisions, taking into consideration consultation and statutory proposal responses. A decision has to be taken within two months of the end of a statutory proposal representation period. If this proposal proceeds, it is anticipated that this decision would be taken by Cabinet in September 2025.		
6.	How you have your say The Governing Board would welcome your views on this proposal. You can let us know your views by submitting a response to this consultation document and/or attending one of the consultation meetings that are being organised for the public (including parents) and staff. The informal consultation closes on Tuesday 24 June – please ensure that you have your say before then. Please have your say by:	

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- Completing the attached Response Form and returning it by email or post to Islamia Primary School.

Email: receptionist@islamia.brent.sch.uk

- Attending a consultation meeting:

The following consultation meetings are being held at Islamia Primary School:

- **Consultation meeting for staff** **2nd June 2025 at 4.00 – 5.00 pm**
- **Public consultation meeting** **9th June 2025 at 9.00 – 10.30 am**
- **Public consultation meeting** **9th June 2025 at 5.00 – 6.30 pm**

A further consultation meeting is being held at the Gwenneth Rickus site on a date to be confirmed **at 6pm-7.30pm.**

Copies of this document are available from Islamia Primary School.

Islamia Primary School Consultation Response Slip

Please return to the school by: **Tuesday 24 June 2025**

I agree / disagree with the proposal to relocate Islamia Primary School to the Gwenneth Rickus site

☐ **Agree**

☐ **Disagree**

Comments:

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Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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Name..... **Signed**.....

Telephone..... **E-mail**.....

Contact details are optional. We will respond to any queries where possible.

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Please indicate if you are a:

- ☐ Parent
☐ Governor

- ☐ Member of staff
☐ Other

If you are responding on behalf of a business or organisation, please provide details

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If you are a parent of a child attending Islamia Primary School or of a child who is due to start at the school, please indicate their current year group.

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ☐ Nursery | ☐ Year 1 | ☐ Year 3 | ☐ Year 5 |
| ☐ Reception | ☐ Year 2 | ☐ Year 4 | ☐ Year 6 |

About you

By answering the following questions, you will help us ensure that we deliver a fair service to all our community. You do not have to give us this information, but we hope you will. All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Gender (please tick one):

- ☐ Male ☐ Female

Age group (please tick one):

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ☐ 0-15 | ☐ 16-24 |
| ☐ 25-34 | ☐ 35-44 |
| ☐ 45-54 | ☐ 55-64 |
| ☐ 65-74 | ☐ 75+ |

Which one of these groups do you feel you belong to? (please tick one)

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| ☐ Asian Indian | ☐ Asian Pakistani |
| ☐ Asian Bangladeshi | ☐ Asian Other |
| ☐ Black Caribbean | ☐ Black African |
| ☐ Black Other | ☐ Chinese |
| ☐ Mixed White and Black Caribbean | ☐ Mixed White and Black African |
| ☐ Mixed White and Asian | ☐ Mixed Other |
| ☐ White British | ☐ White Irish |
| ☐ White Other | ☐ Other Ethnic Group |

Other Ethnic Group - please specify

Please return this form by 24 June 2025 to Islamia Primary School office.