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Dear Parent/Carer,

On 28 May Brent Council agreed to the closure of the Gwenneth Rickus site of Leopold Primary School. This is in response to falling pupil numbers in Brent, resulting in a high number of spare places in this area of Brent.

The Hawkshead Road site of Leopold Primary will remain open and is **not** affected.

### **What does this mean for my child at Gwenneth Rickus?**

If your child is currently in Year 2 at the Gwenneth Rickus site, they will continue to be taught there until July 2027 when they will be in Year 5.

From September 2027 they will be taught in Year 6 at the Hawkshead Road site.

There is no need for you to reapply for a school place at Hawkshead Road site if your child is currently educated at the Gwenneth Rickus site. Your child is on roll at Leopold Primary School and will remain on the roll of the school if they are required to transfer at the end of July 2027 to the Hawkshead Road site.

If you were planning to apply for a reception place for your child at Leopold Primary School from September 2025 you can still do so. However, reception age children will only be taught from the Hawkshead Road site and there will be no reception places for children at Gwenneth Rickus from September 2025.

### **What happens if I do not wish my child to be transferred to the Hawkshead Road site from September 2027?**

Please do not remove your child from the Gwenneth Rickus Road site. This school site will remain open for all pupils until July 2027 and there is no need for you to change your child's school.

If you do not wish your child to transfer to the Hawkshead Road site from September 2027, you can apply through the normal in-year admissions process for a place at an alternative school. You can do this at any time but we recommend that you wait until the 2026/2027 academic year to secure a place elsewhere for September 2027.

Please be aware that although many schools in the local area currently have vacancies, places will not be held specially for children moving from the Gwenneth Rickus site. All applications will be considered in accordance with each schools' admission arrangements.

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Yours sincerely,



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