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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to give you an update about the planned merger between Victoria Junior School and Cardinal Road Infant & Nursery School. As we shared before, the Local Authority (the people who run local services, like schools) suggested joining the two schools to become one primary school for children aged 3 to 11.

We are pleased to tell you that the Cabinet (a group of decision-makers from the Local Authority) has now approved this plan. The decision has been published on the Council's website.

**Decision:**

- ***Cabinet noted the responses received during the representation stage of the consultation which took place between the period 5 February-5 March 2025.***
- ***Cabinet agreed to the extension of the age range of Cardinal Road Infant and Nursery School to accommodate ages 3-11 (Nursery through to Year 6).***
- ***Cabinet agreed to the closure of Victoria Junior School on 31 August 2025, noting all pupils would automatically become part of the merged Primary School.***
- ***Cabinet noted the merged Primary School with the extended age range would open on 1 September 2025.***
- ***Cabinet approved the Hounslow Council School Organisation Changes Policy (Appendix 1 of the submitted report) which replaces the Schools Amalgamation Policy (Jan 2023).***

There is now a short period of time (called a scrutiny period) when people can ask questions or raise any concerns about the decision. This period is about the implementation (when the merger will happen), which is planned for 31st August 2025.

This merger will bring many good changes, such as:

- A smoother move for children from infant to junior classes
- Cohesive learning and care for all pupils throughout the primary phase
- More chances for teachers to work together and improve
- A stronger school community for children, families and staff

We know you may have questions, and we will keep sharing information with you.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Governors of Victoria Junior School