



Parents and Carers Meeting
22nd April 2026

Welcome and Introductions

Heather Faulkner (IEB Chair)

Robin Taverner (IEB Vice Chair)

Scott Lister (IEB Member)

Purpose of the meeting

Meet the Interim Executive Board (IEB) members

Understand the context of the current situation at the school

Share the priorities for the Interim Executive Board

Answer any questions

Context

12 February 2026

The Local Authority formally issued a Warning Notice to the governing body of Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery as they had significant concerns regarding the quality of governance, lack of strategic leadership, and the failure to act consistently in the best interests of pupils.

This action was taken in accordance with section 60(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, and with reference to the Department for Education's statutory guidance 'Support and Intervention in Schools' following concerns relating to the statutory responsibilities of a governing body.

As a result of this, the Local Authority then enacted their statutory intervention powers as set out in the Support and Intervention in Schools guidance and in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006, Sections 63-66.

An application was made to the Department for Education to replace the governing body with an Interim Executive Board (IEB) to govern and work alongside the leadership of the school.

16 March 2026

The Secretary of State approved the application, and the Interim Executive Board is now in place.

Remit of the Interim Executive Board

- IEB can appoint additional members and seek professional expertise as required
- In place for a year initially
- Assure the long-term financial viability of the school
- Consider and move towards long-term governance options for the future of the School

Duties of Interim Executive Board

- Fulfil the full functions of the governing body
- Provide strategic leadership to the school
- Ensure financial resources are spent well
- Set and oversee the schools delegated budget
- Ensure statutory requirements for health and safety are in place and adhered to
- Hold school leaders to account for provision of high quality education for all pupils

Duties of Interim Executive Board

- Appoint senior managers and other key staff as determined by the IEB
- Ensure safeguarding remains effective for all children and staff
- Act as a critical friend to the schools senior leadership
- Hold the Headteacher and SLT to account and be accountable to any interested party for the schools performance
- Report regularly to Essex County Council and DfE

Priorities for the IEB

- Provide informed oversight and make strategic decisions, with the school leadership, for the benefit of the school.
- Work with school leaders, and the Local Authority on the quality of education for all children.
- Ensure safeguarding is effective.
- Ensure the school website is compliant with statutory requirements.

Priorities for the IEB

- Ensure an effective and affordable staffing structure is in place.
- Produce a balanced budget for 2026-2027 and ensure financial sustainability is in place for 3-5 years.
- Focus on staff wellbeing.
- Establish regular communications from the IEB to parents and carers.
- Support the school with processes and timelines for the proposed amalgamation with the Junior School.

Current position regarding the Amalgamation

A consultation on the proposal to close Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery alongside the consultation to enlarge Canvey Junior School from 240 places to 420, plus 30 nursery places and to change the age range of pupils attending of the school from 7 to 11 to 3 to 11 years of age, from 1 September 2026, was held between 6 November and 18 December 2025.

A response form was made available online and the consultation document was distributed to parents of children at the infant and junior schools via the schools.

Copies of the document were also posted to other interested parties by email.

Public meetings for parents/ carers and the local community were held on 27 November 2025. Meetings were also held for staff of both schools on 27 November 2025.

Current position regarding the Amalgamation

Responses to the consultation were considered by the Local Authority and a formal proposal was published on 26 February 2026 in accordance with section 15(1) of the Act, to close Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery with effect from 1 September 2026 and

In accordance with section 19(1) of the Act, to make the following prescribed alterations:
a) change the age range of pupils attending Canvey Junior from 7 to 11 to 3 to 11 years of age; and b) enlarge the premises of the school to increase its physical capacity to 420 places plus 30 nursery places with effect from 1 September 2026.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person had the opportunity to object to, or make comments on, the proposals.

This period has now ended therefore the Local Authority have now concluded the consultation period and its statutory processes and the proposals above will be implemented.

Amalgamation – next steps

- A project implementation group is now in place and will work to consider the structure of the new primary school, governance arrangements, finance and any other operational requirements.
- The group consists of LA officers, the headteachers of both schools and representatives of both the IEB and Junior School Governing Body.
- The IEB will report back to staff, parents and carers at regular intervals to provide updates on the current position.

Any Questions?

Contact the IEB via the school office or
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