



RELATED PROPOSALS FOR OPENING AND CLOSING MAINTAINED SCHOOLS:

Extract from Department for Education statutory guidance entitled:

Opening and closing maintained schools

The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013

As outlined in

Statutory guidance for proposers and decision makers, April 2016

Annex B: Statutory proposals for school closures

Annex C: Statutory proposals for establishing a new school

Statutory proposal for a school closure

Contact details in respect of a Local Authority proposal: School and local authority details:

1. The name, address and category of the schools to be closed

- **Meadow Lane Infant School, Meadow Lane, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 5AA**
- **College House Primary School, Cator Lane, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 4BB**

- **Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC)**
- **Bev Cameron (Place Planning & Admissions Officer)**
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Implementation:

2. It is proposed that

Meadow Lane Infant School and College House Primary School will close on 31st August 2017.

Reason for closure:

NCC has made the decision to close Meadow Lane Infant School and College House Primary School in order to amalgamate these two schools. This is in accordance with the expressed wishes of both schools' governing bodies, which have operated a collaboration since September 2015 and have decided to move to full amalgamation. Following a full informal consultation between April - June 2016, the proposal to amalgamate was approved by NCC's Children and Young People's Committee on 18th July 2016.

Pupil numbers and admissions:

Meadow Lane Infant School, with a net capacity of 210 currently accommodates 211 pupils aged 5 – 7, of whom 98 are boys and 113 girls. 1 has Special Educational Needs receiving support from outside agencies.

College House Primary School, with a net capacity of 419 currently accommodates 327 pupils aged 5 – 11, of whom 171 are boys and 156 girls. 12 have Special Educational Needs receiving support from outside agencies.

Displaced pupils:

NCC proposes to accommodate all pupils on roll at Meadow Lane Infant School and College House Primary School at the new school to be opened on the combined former schools' two sites

Impact on the community:

It is anticipated that all those pupils currently attending Meadow Lane Infant School and College House Primary School can and will be accommodated at the new school provision

Travel:

Because the new school will be opened as a split-site school in the existing buildings and at the current locations of those schools which are closing, NCC is confident that there will be no impact on travel and length of journey

Statutory proposal for establishing a new school

Contact details in respect of a Local Authority proposal: School and local authority details:

- Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC)
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Implementation:

The Lanes Primary School will open on 1st September 2017.

Reason for the new school:

A new single primary school will be opened occupying both sites of the former Meadow Lane Infant School and College House Primary School, which it will replace.

Category:

The new school to be established will be a local authority maintained community primary school.

On 3rd February 2017, NCC obtained the Secretary of State's consent to publish statutory proposals under Section 10 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (EIA 2006)

To establish a new 5 – 11 community school, to replace Meadow Lane Infant School and College House Primary School.

Ethos and religious character of the new school:

The ethos of the new school is to provide the children and families with an excellent school from 5 -11 that will be at the heart of the community delivering excellent outcomes for children whilst providing support and facilities for their families.

Pupil numbers and admissions:

The Lanes Primary School will make provision for 630 places for children aged 5 – 11 years

Admission Arrangements:

It is proposed that from 1st September 2017 the new school will maintain Nottinghamshire County Council's Admissions Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools, with a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 90 for the Reception Year.

Over-subscription criteria for the new school will be those of NCC's community primary schools – see <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/119129/revised-determined-arrangements-2017-2018.pdf>

Special Educational Needs Provision:

It is proposed that the policy of The Lanes School relating to the education of pupils with Special Educational Needs will be, initially, a merging and adaptation of the existing SEN policies of Meadow Lane Infant and College House Primary Schools. These policies are scheduled for review in July 2017 and can be seen on the school websites at <http://www.meadowlane.notts.sch.uk/documents/SENDInformationReport2016.pdf> and at http://www.collegehouse.notts.sch.uk/uploads/1/7/9/5/17958149/send_policy_july_2016.pdf

Curriculum:

NCC can confirm that the school will meet the general requirements in relation to the curriculum contained in section 78 of EA 2002 and an outline of any provision that will be in addition to the basic curriculum required by section 80 of EA 2002.

Effects on standards and contributions to school improvement:

NCC Education Improvement, in principle supports merging of infant and junior schools as a means of replacing low levels of attainment in junior schools with higher rates of progress from YR – Y6 in primary schools. Both Meadow Lane and College House are high achieving schools and it is anticipated that this will continue when amalgamation is completed. The amalgamation will enable school leaders to track the progress of the children throughout their primary years, enabling the further improvement of attainment and progress and the most effective use of available resources.

The primary schools within the family are also part of the George Spencer Academy Teaching Alliance, working to support and develop teaching and learning in the wider Broxtowe area.

Location and Costs:

If Meadow Lane and College House schools were amalgamated the budget for a new school would be calculated on the same basis as other primary schools of a similar size. This means that if amalgamation were approved there would be a projected revenue saving of approximately £130,000 in total.

The arrangements will be that in the year of conversion, the two budgets will remain intact. In the second year, 85% of the combined budget will accrue to the new primary school (£170,000). In the third year after amalgamation, the lump sum for the new school will be £100,000. This gradual reduction will provide the new school with resources that will help enable a smooth transition to a single primary school.

It is the intention that the new primary will operate from the existing buildings. In advance of this, the local authority would wish to work with the new school's governing body, headteacher and staff to determine, in the best interests of the children, the most appropriate way of utilising the existing accommodation.

Travel

Because the new school will be opened as a split-site school in the existing buildings and at the current locations of those schools which are closing, NCC is confident that there will be no impact on travel and length of journey for pupils attending The Lanes Primary School

If you wish to respond to the consultation on this proposal please send written comments to:

- The Corporate Director of Children, Families and Cultural Services (for the attention of Bev Cameron), Support to Schools Service, Floor 3, Riverside North, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or by email to place.planning@nottscc.gov.uk
- Comments may be submitted online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

To be received no later than 23:59 hrs on Sunday 4th June 2017