



PROPOSALS FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATIONS TO MAINTAINED SCHOOLS:

Extract from Department for Education guidance entitled:

**School Organisation: Maintained Schools
Guidance for Proposers and Decision Makers**

**Annex A: Further information for proposers
(Paragraph 25, Annex A.2: Statutory proposals for prescribed alterations)**

Above guidance dated January 2014

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

1. The name, address and category of the school

- **Mattersey Community Primary School, Thorpe Road,
Mattersey, Doncaster DN10 5ED**
- **Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC)**
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Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

2. The date on which the proposal is planned to be implemented, and if to be implemented in stages, a description of what is planned for each stage, and the number of stages intended and the dates of each stage.

- **8 September 2014**

Support, objections and comments:

3. A statement explaining the procedure for making representations including:-
- (a) the date prescribed by which support, objections or comments should be sent to the local authority and
 - (b) the address of the authority to which objections or comments should be sent.

- **Please refer to the published Section 19 Notice**

Alteration description:

4. A description of the proposed alteration and in the case of special school proposals, a description of the current special needs provision.

- **To lower the current age range of the school from 5-11 to 3-11 years**

School capacity:

5. (a) Details of the current capacity of the school and, where the proposals will alter the capacity of the school, the proposed capacity of the school after the alteration.

- **The effect of this proposal will not alter the school's current net capacity and so this will remain as 70 pupil places, subject to annual consultation on admissions arrangements.**

- (b) Details of the current number of pupils admitted to the school in each relevant age group, and where this number is to change, the proposed number of pupils to be admitted in each relevant age group in the first school year in which the proposals will have been implemented.

- **The number of pupils to be admitted into the first age group of the main school (Planned Admission Number) will remain at 10, subject to annual consultation on admissions arrangements.**

Implementation:

6. Where the proposal relates to a foundation or voluntary controlled school a statement as to whether the proposals are to be implemented by the local authority or by the governing body, and, if the proposals are to be implemented by both, a statement as to the extent to which they are to be implemented by each body.

- **N/A**

Objectives:

7. The objectives of the proposal.

- **In accordance with Government policy, the proposal will ensure the availability of an early years education place for all children whose parents wish them to have one**
- **To provide in one setting for children attending the school, a continuity of Early Years education through the primary educational phase**

Consultation:

8. Evidence of the consultation before the proposal was published including:-

- (a) a list of persons who were consulted;
- (b) minutes of all public consultation meetings;
- (c) the views of the persons consulted;
- (d) copies of all consultation documents and a statement on how these documents were made available.

(a)

- **Staff, governors, pupils and parents/carers of pupils of Mattersey Primary and local community**
- **Other schools in same family**
- **Early years providers within the locality of the above school**
- **Local County Councillor**
- **John Mann MP**
- **Nottingham Catholic Diocesan Education Service**
- **Southwell & Nottingham CE Diocesan Board of Education**
- **Bassetlaw District Council**
- **Mattersey Parish Council**
- **Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council**
- **Trades Unions**

(b)

- **No public meetings were held**

(c)

- **Within the consultation period, 37 written replies were received by NCC. These comments were taken into account by NCC prior to the formal publication of its proposal.**

(d)

- **A copy of the consultation leaflet that was distributed is available on request**
- **Copies for the school's parents/carers were provided via pupil post. Copies were also distributed to the staff and governors by the school. All other consultees received copies via email and post.**

Project costs:

9. A statement of the estimated total capital cost of the proposal and the breakdown of the costs that are to be met by the governing body, the local education authority, and any other party.

- **N/A**

Age range:

10. Where the proposals relate to a change in age range, the current age range for the school.

- **5-11**

Early Years Provision:

11. Where the proposals are to alter the lower age limit of a mainstream school so that it provides for pupils aged between 2 and 5:-

(a) Details of the early years provision, including the number of full-time and part-time pupils, the number and length of sessions in each week, and the services for disabled children that will be offered.

- **10 full-time places (20 part-time), pupils admitted the term after their third birthday, 3 hours x 5 mornings or 3 hours x 5 afternoons for three and four year old children which will be accessible for disabled children**

(b) How the school will integrate the early years provision with childcare services and how the proposals are consistent with the integration of early years provision for childcare.

- **As part of Mattersey Primary school's extended services agenda, pupils have access to a school run breakfast, after school club and holiday club. It is anticipated this provision will continue to be open to the proposed early years children.**
- **It is proposed that existing relationships with other EY settings outside of Mattersey village will continue to develop.**
- **There is no other Early Years provision within the immediate vicinity ie Mattersey or Mattersey Thorpe**

(c) Evidence of parental demand for additional provision of early years provision.

- **Significant level of enquiry at school as to the availability of EY provision**
- **Very strong supportive response to consultation**

(d) Assessment of capacity, quality and sustainability of provision in schools and in establishments other than schools who deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage within 3 miles of the school; and

- **Within the immediate locality (Mattersey) there is no other EYP for 3 year olds**
- **Mattersey school parents may opt to send their 3 year olds to neighbouring EY providers and then transfer them back to Mattersey as their desired school once the children reach statutory age. This therefore causes a break in educational continuity for the children.**
- **Making a transition to another setting in the middle of the Early Years Foundation Stage does not provide continuity of opportunity for children, and may be considered to be a**

disadvantage to their education at this important key stage

- **Parents find it difficult to access other providers due to poor public transport links and lack of access to their own transport.**
- **All pupils make good progress because of consistently good teaching (Ofsted 2012) and provision is being made to accommodate EYFS within our existing EYFS facilities with experienced teaching staff**

(e) Reasons why such schools and establishments who have spare capacity cannot make provision for any forecast increase in the number of such provision.

- **Parental choice has been instrumental in this proposal. Mattersey Primary is a small rural school with access to limited amenities including poor transport links**
- **The Mattersey local community has expressed that an opportunity to allow their children continuity within this setting is important to them. At the moment there is no such equality of opportunity with nursery provision from 3 years, this only being available at other school settings or by alternative EY providers outside of Mattersey. An on-site preschool was in existence until December 2013 and parents have found it difficult to access EYP since its closure. Parents have told Mattersey Primary that they wish for the choice and the potential for continuity within this small rural school.**
- **Children starting at Mattersey at the beginning of FS2 can come from up to 2 nursery settings but many from no nursery setting. Providing continuity from Nursery onwards would support continuing school improvement with children in EYFS taught together and not within a mixed key stage group of KS1 and EYFS.**

Extended services:

12. If the proposed alterations affect the provision of the school's extended services, details of the current extended services the school is offering and details of any proposed change as a result of the alterations.

- **Any existing extended services will not be affected by this proposal**