

FAQs on the proposal for the closure of Manners Sutton Primary School.

What will happen to the pupils on roll at Manners Sutton Primary School?

As stated in the consultation document, there are currently no pupils on roll at Manners Sutton Primary School. In the future, parents of pupils living within the current Manners Sutton Primary School catchment will be able to apply for a place at one of the other schools within Nottinghamshire in line with Nottinghamshire County Council's school admissions policy. A list of schools for primary aged children within five miles of Manners Sutton Primary is included at table three of the consultation document. It is projected that for September 2021 11 of the schools listed will have surplus places.

What will happen to the school building?

The school building is part of Nottinghamshire County Council's property portfolio. In the first instance we would be looking within the council to re-use the building for other services.

What will happen to the employees of Manners Sutton Primary School?

Nottinghamshire County Council's Human Resources Department have been working with the employees of Manners Sutton Primary School and Trade Unions to ensure that wherever possible jobs are protected.

What will be the cost of closing the school to Nottinghamshire County Council?

The day to day running of all maintained schools and academies within Nottinghamshire is paid for from the school's allocated budget from the Dedicated Schools grant. Should the school be closed, no future allocations will be made to Manners Sutton Primary School. Funding for pupils previously on roll at Manners Sutton Primary School will be allocated to the school that they now attend.

If NCC decide to use the building for other purposes any reconfiguration costs will be paid for from NCC's budgets.

Have Nottinghamshire County Council attempted to increase pupil numbers at Manners Sutton Primary School?

Nottinghamshire County Council can not promote one school over another. The choice of which school a child attends is made by their parent or guardian.

Have alternatives to closure of the school been considered?

NCC have considered other options for the future of Manners Sutton Primary School including academisation, amalgamation and federation with another school. All of these options could bring benefits to Manners Sutton Primary School however, primarily due to difficulties in identifying other schools and academies to work with Manners Sutton Primary School, they have been deemed not feasible.

In accordance with the DfE's guidance on closing rural schools , Nottinghamshire County Council held a stage one consultation from 5th October 2020 until 15th November 2020, to ask interested parties of their views on the future of Manners Sutton Primary School.

When will a decision be made by Nottinghamshire County Council on whether to close Manners Sutton Primary School?

Following the consultation period, responses will be presented to elected members. It has not yet been determined which meeting this matter will be on the agenda for, but it is expected to be during Spring 2021.

How will interested parties be made aware of Nottinghamshire County Council's decision?

Nottinghamshire County Council are required to publish a statutory notice outlining the decision on their website within one week of the decision being made.