

Modification to the reorganisation of Fosse Primary School and Slater Primary School



Part 1

In accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 Leicester City Council is proposing to modify a previous decision to make prescribed alterations to Fosse Primary School, Balfour Street, Leicester, LE3 5EA.

Leicester City Council previously proposed to change the planned admission number of Fosse Primary School, from its current planned admission number of 60 to a planned admission number of 150 with effect from 1 September 2019.

Implementation of this proposal would have resulted in the school being enlarged from a 420 place primary school (60 places per year from Reception to Year 6), to a 1,050 place primary school (150 places per year from Reception to year 6).

This modification proposes to postpone implementation until 1 September 2021.

Part 2

In accordance with The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 Leicester City Council is proposing to modify its intention to discontinue Slater Primary School, Slater Street, Leicester, LE3 5AS.

Leicester City Council previously proposed to discontinue (meaning to close) with effect from 31 August 2019. This proposal is 'related' to those in Part 1 above.

All pupils attending Slater Primary School at the time of its originally planned closure were due to transfer to the roll of Fosse Primary School (see Part 1). Pupils in Year 6 at the time of its closure were due to transfer to a secondary school as part of the usual secondary transfer process.

This modification proposes to postpone implementation until 31 August 2021

Reasons:

The statutory notice for the original proposals (Part 1 and Part 2) was published on 9 April 2018 and a decision was taken by Leicester City Council on 5 July 2018.

Leicester City Council is of the view that circumstances have so altered since approval to expand the school was given that implementation of the proposals would be inappropriate at this time and is therefore seeking to modify the implementation dates.

The Fosse Primary School expansion plans, which include a new build programme, have been subject to unforeseen delays. This means that Fosse Primary School will not have the building capacity to expand its pupil numbers from 1 September 2019.

Until the completion of the building programme, pupils who would be displaced from the closure of Slater Primary School are unable to transfer to the roll of Fosse Primary School.

Leicester City Council is required by the The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 and The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 to formally publish modification proposals where it is proposing to change the implementation date of previously approved proposals.

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Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments on these modification proposals by sending them to:

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or by email to richard.sword@leicester.gov.uk

The closing date for comments and objections is Wednesday 27 February 2019

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Tinsley', written in a cursive style.

Paul Tinsley

Divisional Director, Learning and Inclusion

Publication Date: Thursday 31 January 2019

Notes:

1. The expanded primary school will retain its school LA/DFE number and unique reference number and pupils of the closing Slater Primary School (see Part 2 above) will have amendments to existing registrations etc. when they transfer to the new primary school.
2. An additional site is required for this expansion and some remodelling of existing buildings within the existing site. This will be phased in agreement with the school, and be subject to the normal planning permission process.