



Statutory proposal to consult on the opening of a Specialist Satellite School Provision on King Edward Primary School Site

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

1. The name, address and category of the school and Local Authority

King Edward Primary and Nursery School, St Andrew's Street, Mansfield, NG18 2RG
Carlton Digby School, 61 Digby Avenue, Nottingham, NG3 6DS
Nottinghamshire County Council, County Hall, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP.

Implementation date 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.

Following a four-week consultation between 19 January 2021 and 23 February, Nottinghamshire County Council Councillors will make a final decision at the meeting of the Children and Young People's Committee on Monday 15 March 2021. If the decision is approved to open a satellite provision, this will be implemented in September 2021.

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 Nottinghamshire County Council and
- b) the address to which objections or comments should be sent.

The consultation on the proposal will run from Tuesday, 19 January 2021 until Tuesday, 23 February 2021 inclusive.

The process is designed to obtain the views of parents and carers, pupils, governors, staff, the local community and other interested parties in respect of the above proposal.

All responses need to be returned to:

By post to either: King Edward Primary and Nursery School, St Andrew's Street, Mansfield, NG18 2RG or
Carlton Digby School, 61 Digby Avenue, Nottingham, NG3 6DS marked
'Statutory Proposal –Satellite Provision.'

By email to jane.starbuck@nottscc.gov.uk with the subject title: “Statutory Proposal – Satellite Provision”

Any comments received later than 16:00 hrs on Tuesday, 23 February 2021 will not be included for consideration of this proposal.

4. Description of the proposal:

It is proposed to open a satellite special school provision that will be based in three of the surplus classrooms on the site of King Edward Primary and Nursery School site in Mansfield. The satellite special school will be part of, and managed by, Carlton Digby Special School.

There is considerable pressure in Nottinghamshire to find additional special school places at the current time. In November 2020 there were 90 children and young people who were awaiting a special school place with further requests for Education and Health Care Plans in process. A high percentage of these children and young people have needs in the area of social, emotional and mental health and autism. Where specialist provision is needed by a pupil but no special school place is available Nottinghamshire County Council has to seek placements in independent non-maintained provision or alternative educational provision.

Carlton Digby is an Outstanding Special School (Ofsted 2020) based in Gedling. It is operated by Nottinghamshire County Council and has provision for the full range of Special Educational Needs as identified by the Department for Education (DfE). There are currently 90 pupils on roll at the school. The school has the capacity to provide outstanding leadership but does not have the opportunity to expand on their existing site.

King Edward Primary and Nursery School in Mansfield is a mainstream school. There are a number of buildings not currently used by the school as classrooms and it will be possible to use some of these existing buildings to provide additional capacity and places for Carlton Digby Special School. It is proposed that the Satellite School will have a maximum of three classes which is an additional 24 specialist places for primary aged pupils.

All the children and young people who attend the Satellite School will be on the roll of Carlton Digby Special School and the admissions process will be via the normal consultation process between the Integrated Children & Disability Team and the school.

Effect of the Proposal:

5. The effect of the proposal on other schools, academies and educational institutions.

It not anticipated that this proposal will have any adverse effect on any other schools or educational establishments in the locality.

There will be positive opportunities for the staff and pupils at King Edward Primary and Nursery School and the Carlton Digby satellite school to share expertise, resources and learning opportunities.

There will continue to be a need for placements at other local special schools.

There will continue to be places at King Edward Primary and Nursery School to meet the projected need for mainstream school places in the future.

Impact on pupils:

6. The impact on children and young people attending the school

It is intended that the Satellite School would be the permanent base for the children who attend, and they will not be moving between the main Carlton Digby site and the Satellite School. They will have the benefit of a specialist education appropriate to their needs whilst accessing learning on a mainstream site.

There would be considerable opportunities for partnership working and the staff and pupils at King Edward Primary and Nursery school will be able to access specialist support and guidance in relation to meeting the needs of SEND pupils on the mainstream school roll.

Publication of Proposal:

7. Evidence of the list of persons/recipients who received a copy of this proposal

- All parents and carers of children and young people attending Carlton Digby Special School and King Edward Primary and Nursery School
- Both schools Governing Bodies.
- All School staff.
- Other local authorities who place children and young people at Carlton Digby Special School or in Mansfield special schools, or in Mansfield Primary and Nursery Schools
- Mansfield special schools and primary and nursery Schools
- School Transport at Nottinghamshire County Council
- Mansfield and Gedling District Councils,
- Trade Unions

