

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

FULL PROPOSALS TO

1 EXPANSION OF FOSSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part 1 – Notice is given in accordance with The School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2013 that Leicester City Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Fosse Primary School to change the planned admission number from its current 60 to a planned admission number of 150.

2 DISCONTINUE SLATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part 2 – notice is given in accordance with The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 that Leicester City Council intends to discontinue Slater Primary School from 31st August 2019

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2 Name, address and category of school::

1 – Fosse Primary School, Balfour Street, Leicester, LE3 5EA (Primary School, DFE No. 2365)
2 – Slater Primary School, Slater Street, Leicester, LE3 5AS (Primary School, DFE No. 2378)

3 Description of alteration and evidence of demand:

Leicester City Council intends to expand Fosse Primary School and close Slater Primary School. Expansion of Fosse Primary School from 1st September 2019. Closure of Slater Primary School from 31st August 2019.

The current capacity of Fosse Primary School is 420 pupils, and the current admissions number is 60 pupils. The pupils are of mixed gender and all of compulsory school age. 23% of the pupils on roll have a recognised SEND need with 0.7% having an Education Health Care Plan.

The current capacity of Slater Primary School is 161 pupils, and the current admissions number is 23 pupils. The pupils are of mixed gender and all of compulsory school age. 9% of the pupils on roll have a recognised SEND need with no pupils having an Education Health Care Plan.

Slater Primary School is a listed building in need of modernisation, and both existing schools are on restricted sites with very limited scope for extension, so a satellite site was sought. The intended 1050 capacity will be achieved by building a year 1 – 6 school on a site on Fosse Road North and the refurbishment of the existing Fosse Primary School to provide extended early years provision and the foundation stage of the school.

All pupils in years Reception to year 5 who are on roll at Fosse Primary School and Slater Primary School at the end of the 2018/19 academic year would automatically transfer over to the new school building. The travel distance from Slater Primary School to Fosse Primary School is 0.4 miles. The new building provides an enhanced education environment with modern facilities which will benefit the pupils and community.

There are currently 398 pupils on roll at Fosse Primary School and 148 pupils on roll at Slater Primary School (Spring term 2018 census). Both schools are currently full in key stage one. Forecasts for the area indicate that there will be a deficit of school places by 2019/20 academic year. The expansion will provide places for the displaced Slater Primary pupils and capacity for the housing development planned for the catchment area.

4 Objectives:

Leicester City Council proposes these changes to provide additional capacity for rising pupil numbers, partly due to the nearby Waterside housing development.

5 The effect on other schools, academies and educational establishments within the area:

Other schools in the immediate area (Alderman Richard Hallam Primary and Inglehurst Infant and Junior, Parks Primary and Stokeswood Primary) are oversubscribed and the forecasts for the area indicate there will be a deficit of school places by 2019/20 academic year. The effect of additional housing in this area will therefore lead to a greater deficit.

6 Project costs and indication of how those will be met, including how long term value for money will be achieved:

The capital costs for the new year 1 – 6 building and adaptations to the current Fosse Primary to become the foundation stage of the school will be funded by the Children's capital programme policy provision.

Long term value for money will be achieved by bringing about economies of scale.

7 Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:

The intended 150 planned admission number will not be fully implemented straight away. It will be monitored and increased, as required, for future growth as the nearby Waterside housing development takes shape.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any interested party may support, object to, or make comment upon the proposal by sending them to Rob Thomas, Education Sufficiency and Admissions, Education and Children's Services, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ or by emailing Rob.Thomas@leicester.gov.uk

If you would like a copy of this complete proposal please contact Vicki Chapman at the above address or Vicki.chapman@leicester.gov.uk or 0116 4542174

The closing date for comments and objections is Sunday 6 May 2018

Signed:

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Director, Learning and Inclusion

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