



Meadow Lane Infant School College House Junior School



Consultation on the amalgamation of Meadow Lane and College House

11 July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know from previous letters, the governing bodies of Meadow Lane and College House have requested the local authority to consult on the proposed amalgamation of the two schools. Consultation took place recently, closing on Sunday 12th June.

The two schools have received a summary of a report from NCC on the outcome of the consultation and, after considering this, both governing bodies have reaffirmed their decision to proceed with amalgamation.

The local authority will now consider the request to amalgamate, and the consultation outcome, at a County Council Committee meeting to be held on July 18th. The formal consultation report will be publically available 7 days before this meeting on the Nottinghamshire County Council web site.

Assuming this Committee agrees with the amalgamation, the Council will request permission from the Secretary of State to proceed. The precise time frame for a response is not known, but it is anticipated that a reply would be received around October/November this year.

Assuming agreement is given, the two schools would begin the process to amalgamate. A rough time line is shown below to give you an indication of what will happen. This is very much provisional and dependent, in particular, on the date of the Secretary of State's response.

- July 18th – County Council Committee decision on the amalgamation request
- End of July – Request to the Secretary of State to amalgamate the two schools
- August to October – LA provisionally sets up a temporary governing body for the new school, but it will not meet until agreement is received from the Secretary of State.
- October/November – Response from the Secretary of State
- January 2017 - If approval given, the temporary governing body begins to meet.
- September 2017 - Meadow Lane and College House officially close, and the new school opens. This is a simultaneous event, so at no time is there 'no school'.
- Autumn term 2017 - A new, elected and permanent governing body is put in place.

Please note that the LA is responsible for setting up the temporary governing body, and will be looking for people to join it from staff, parents etc. Information related to this, and how you can put your name forward, will be sent out later.

Between now and September 2017 the existing collaboration between the two schools will continue, with Jo Revill as the Executive Head Teacher for both schools. The two existing governing bodies will remain in place until the new school opens.

In terms of admissions for Reception year in September 2017, the process will continue as normal with options being available to select Meadow Lane and College House. With the schools amalgamating, then clearly anyone obtaining a place at either school will then start at the new single school in September 2017.

We will, of course, continue to update you during the process as dates and details are agreed.

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Brad Moore
Chair of Governors
College House Junior School

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Andy Barker
Chair of Governors
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