

Have your say on the proposed closure of the residential facilities at Maplewell Hall School



Tell us how this might affect you.

We are seeking views from parents/carers and other members of the public from **18 September to 29 October 2017**.

During this period we will be holding drop in sessions at the school and meeting with parent groups to provide you with the opportunity to ask questions and have your say.

Visit leicestershire.gov.uk/maplewellhallschool to submit your comments.

Leicestershire County Council, working with the governing body of Maplewell Hall School, is proposing to close the residential facility at Maplewell Hall School.

Maplewell Hall School, built in 1857 and located in Woodhouse Eaves, currently has capacity for 195 pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), in addition to a maximum nightly capacity of 24 pupils residential facility. The school is maintained by Leicestershire County Council.

The school caters predominantly for pupils with moderate learning difficulties. There are 183 pupils enrolled in the school, including 20 pupils within a designated Autism Spectrum Disorder facility.

Figures provided by the school indicate that the use of the residential facility is up to 24 students per night Monday to Thursday, with each pupil having on average 12-14 nights' attendance per school year.

What are we consulting on?

Leicestershire County Council, working with the governing body of Maplewell Hall School, is proposing to close the residential facility from September 2018.

Why are we proposing this change?

The school currently receives an allocation of £293,000 per year to support the residential education provision. However, no pupils with residential needs have been placed at the school in recent years and none currently attending the school have any requirement for residential provision included within their Education, Health or Care Plan (EHCP).

The withdrawal of the funding would help achieve savings for the SEND budget, and/or meet other budget demands on the service.

Maplewell Hall is the only special school of the six in the county that receives this type of funding, and there are no schools (of any type) maintained by Leicestershire County Council that have residential facilities.

The proposal in more detail

The proposal is to close the residential facility from September 2018. This would enable a phased closure over several months, allowing sufficient time to work with any pupils/families affected by the closure to put alternative support in place if considered necessary after a social care assessment.

Discussions have commenced with the school about:

- The removal of funding from September 2018.
- Any necessary support for families/pupils as a consequence of this.
- The process to be followed if the proposal is to go ahead.

How will the consultation work?

This first round of consultation lasts for six weeks. It is a chance for us to hear the views of those affected and the general public, before any formal decisions are made.

To support the consultation, we will be holding events where representatives from the school and local authority will be attending. This will allow parents to talk on a one to one basis about their child's needs. The events are on the following dates:

- **Thursday 21 September 2017, 7–8pm**
(at the end of our Family Learning Event and governor's meeting)
- **Friday 6 October 2017, 11am – 12 noon**
(at the end of our Open Morning)

You can tell us what you think by filling out our survey [online](#).

You can also post your responses to:

Maplewell Hall School consultation
Leicestershire County Council
Have Your Say
FREEPOST NAT 18685
LE3 8XR

Please submit your response by midnight on 29 October 2017

If you need help to complete this questionnaire, or have any questions about the consultation, please call 0116 305 6661 or email SchoolOrgService@leics.gov.uk

Next steps

Following this consultation, a report detailing the outcomes of the consultation will go back to Leicestershire County Council's cabinet for their consideration.

If the cabinet decide to progress with the proposal, the formal stage, including a statutory notice and a further four weeks of formal consultation, would start in early spring 2018.

You can view the latest information in a number of ways

Visit us online at leicestershire.gov.uk/maplewellhallschool

Our web pages will be kept up-to-date with the latest information and developments. You'll also be able to access the survey here.

Send an email to SchoolOrgService@leics.gov.uk to register for the latest news and updates.

Follow us [@leicscountyhall](https://twitter.com/leicscountyhall) for general updates from the council, including the developments on the budget.

Alternatively, you can telephone **0116 305 6661** to ask for information in printed or alternative formats.

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Jeżeli potrzebujesz pomocy w zrozumieniu tej informacji w Twoim języku, zadzwoń pod numer 0116 305 6661, a my Ci dopomożemy.