

Southfield Primary School

School Closure

Frequently asked questions

Question	Response
Why is the school closing?	Despite the significant improvements made in the quality of education, the continued falling numbers of pupils on roll, along with the predicted drop in future numbers, has resulted in the school becoming financially unviable.
When will the school close?	The school will close at the end of this academic year i.e., 19 th July 2024.
What alternatives have been considered?	The school is being closed due to a lack of current and future pupils in the Brackley area. There is no foreseeable resolution to this
Who made the decision to close the school?	The final decision lies with Baroness Baron, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Education.
Will there be any meetings about this?	<p>To providing further information on next steps, the Trustees are entering into a four-week listening period from Monday 9 October. A number of in-person sessions will be held during this period – the dates of these are shown further below. Members of the School Admissions Team from West Northamptonshire Council will also be on hand to advise on the application process for a new school.</p> <p>Please contact closure@southfieldprimary.info to book a place at one of the sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 12th October - at 6pm in the school hall• Tuesday 17th October – at 6pm in the school hall• Tuesday 31st October – at 6pm in the school hall <p>The listening period will end on Friday 10th November.</p>
Where will my child go to?	To ensure some continuity for families, West Northants Council is working with other local schools to review available places in the Brackley area. WNC are working hard to make places available at a nearby school that can hopefully accommodate <i>all</i> of the children currently attending Southfields. This is to ensure that friendship groups are maintained and that siblings can stay together wherever possible.
How do I apply for a place in another school?	WNC are aiming to simplify the application process and whilst parents or carers have the right to express a preference for their choice of new school.
Who do we contact if we have any comments / questions?	Please use this email: closure@southfieldprimary.info