



School Organisation in Cantley and Freethorpe

Proposal to amalgamate (discontinue) Cantley Primary School (Community) with Freethorpe Community Primary School (Community) and change the catchment areas from September 2025

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 and The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013 that Norfolk County Council in partnership with the governing body of the AIM Federation intends to amalgamate Cantley Primary School, School Lane, Cantley, Norfolk, NR13 3SA with Freethorpe Community Primary School, School Road, Freethorpe, Norfolk, NR13 3NZ. Norfolk County Council intends to discontinue Cantley Primary School on 31 August 2025.

If the amalgamation proceeds Norfolk County Council further intends, in line with the School Admissions Code 2021, to change the catchment area of Cantley Primary School to merge with the existing catchment area of Freethorpe Community Primary School, creating one larger catchment area that serves Freethorpe Community Primary School from September 2025. This variation is outside of the normal admission period will need to be referred to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator for agreement.

Cantley Primary School is a community primary school currently providing 27 full time places for pupils aged 4 – 11 years and a nursery run by the governing body through Section 27 arrangements for 9 children. Freethorpe Community Primary School is a community primary school currently offer placements for 133 pupils with an additional 27 pupils attending the nursery. Both schools are part of the AIM Federation. No pupils will be displaced as there will be a guaranteed place for pupils on the roll of both schools at Freethorpe Community Primary School.

All statutory consultation requirements relating to these proposals have been complied with.



Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from Norfolk County Council. Please email schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk for a copy. It is also available on the school website at [School consultations - Norfolk Schools and Learning Providers - Norfolk County Council](#) or scanning the QR code.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal, any person may object to or make comments by sending them to the School Organisation Team, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DL or by email to: schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk. Any objections or comments must be received by **midnight on 16 July 2025**.

Norfolk County Council will determine the statutory proposal within two months of the end of the representation period. If the Council fails to determine the notice within this time, it will pass all relevant information to the Schools Adjudicator who will determine the notice.

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