

Consultation on Proposed Changes to School Admissions

Catchment area changes from September 2025 for Great Dunham Primary School and Beeston Primary School following approval of amalgamation.

We're inviting feedback from those who may be affected by this proposal.

The consultation is open from **13 June 2025 until 5pm 24 July 2025**.

Schools Involved:

- Great Dunham Primary School, Litcham Road, Great Dunham, King's Lynn, PE32 1LQ
Unity Education Trust
- Beeston Primary School, Dereham Road, Beeston, King's Lynn, PE32 2NQ
Unity Education Trust

All the schools in this proposed change are academies part of Unity Education Trust (UET), which means the Trust is the Admissions Authorities for their own schools; however, Norfolk County Council works collaboratively with academy trusts to coordinate the admissions of pupils including how the catchment areas are arranged.

Proposed Change:

In light of the recent decision by UET to amalgamate Great Dunham Primary School with Beeston Primary School, it is necessary to revise the catchment areas to ensure they align with the changed educational infrastructure in the wider area.

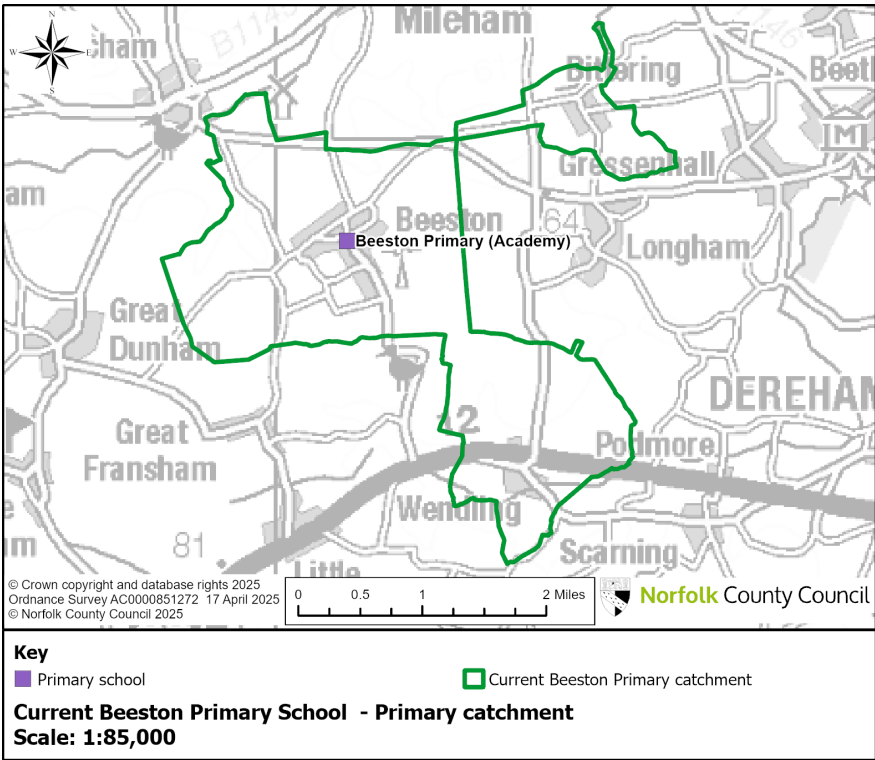
- Norfolk County Council wants to change the catchment areas from which students are admitted to Beeston Primary School starting in September 2025.
- The proposal plans to merge the catchment areas of Great Dunham Primary School and Beeston Primary School following the process of amalgamation.

Reason for Change:

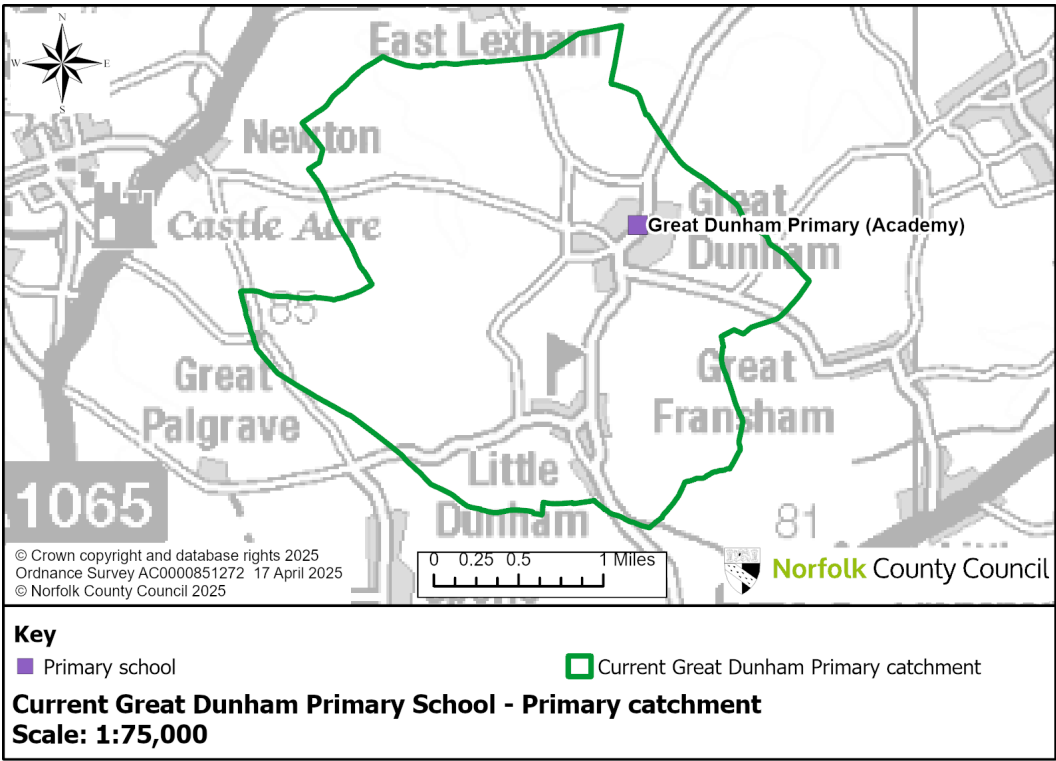
- We don't usually make changes to catchment areas at this time of year. However, in this case, we're considering this change is in response to the amalgamation of Great Dunham Primary School with Beeston Primary School by Unity Education Trust.

Maps:

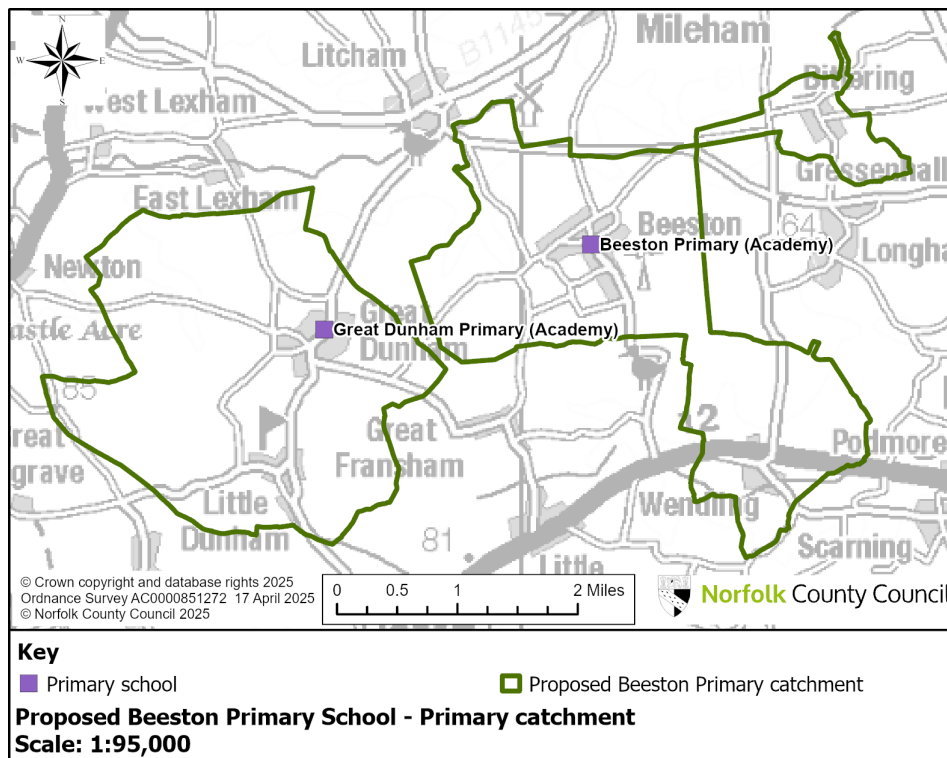
Current Beeston Primary School Catchment Area



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Proposed new catchments for Beeston Primary School from September 2025



Details of the Change:

- The catchment area for Great Dunham Primary School will be added to the area for Beeston Primary School.
- The changes will not affect pupils already attending any of the schools.
- The changes will not affect the option of pupils and families to make parental preference for a preferred school outside of the catchment area.
- Home to school transport will be provided in alignment with [Norfolk County Council's Home to School transport policy](#)

Impact on Secondary Schools:

- As both Great Dunham Primary School and Beeston Primary School both feed into Litcham School High School, there will be no impact on secondary school catchments.

What is a catchment area?

A catchment area is a specific geographical zone that gives children living in the area priority to get into a certain school. Norfolk County Council sets up these areas so parents can expect a better chance for their children to get a place at the school. Even though catchment areas help decide who gets in priority for placements, families can still apply to any school, no matter where they live. Not all schools give a priority to children living within the catchment area it serves.

How might this change affect home to school transport?

Depending on where you live, children may be eligible for free home to school transport. Your child will be entitled to free school transport, if they:

- Are of compulsory school age (five to 16 years old) on 1 September or
- Will be five before 1 September 2025 when applying for school year 2024-25 or
- Will be five before 1 September 2026 when applying for school year 2025-26 and
- Attend the nearest catchment or the nearest appropriate school with a place as designated by Children's Services and
- Live more than two miles, measured by the nearest walking route to school, when under the age of eight
- Live more than three miles walking distance from school, when aged eight or over

If the proposed changes to catchment areas go ahead, this may affect which school is considered a child's nearest or catchment school.

Not sure what this means for you or your child? Please speak to us about your personal circumstances, call our Admissions team on **01603 638036** or **01603 638528**.

You can find see the full home to school transport policy here: [Transport for 5 to 16-year-olds - Norfolk County Council](#)

Getting more help:

If you have questions about your child's circumstances, please talk to our Admissions team on **01603 638036** or **01603 638528** who will be able to help.

How to Share Your Views:

- You will have received this consultation as you are a stakeholder and may be affected directly or indirectly by the change. We would like to seek your views on the proposal.
- The consultation will run from **13 June 2025 until 5pm 24 July 2025**.
- There are several ways you can share your views:

Tell us your views by;



- Completing the online survey via QR code or <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/greatdunhamandbeeston>
- Talking to us; There will be drop-in session held on Wednesday 2 July from 9:00am to 10:00am at Great Dunham Village Hall, Litcham Road, Great Dunham, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE32 2LJ
- Emailing us at schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk
- Completing the attached form and handing it into the school office
- Write to School Organisation Team, FREEPOST IH 2076, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DL. You do not need a stamp.

Next Steps:

- After the consultation ends, Norfolk County Council will review the results and present the findings to the Executive Director of Children's Services who will make a decision whether or not to recommend changing the catchment area of Great Dunham and Beeston Primary School to Unity Education Trust.

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Following the amalgamation of Great Dunham Primary School with Beeston Primary School effective September 2025

What you think of the proposals? Please provide responses below

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to change the catchment areas of Great Dunham Primary School and Beeston Primary School from September 2025?

Please tick one box

☐

Strongly Agree

☐

Agree

☐

Neither agree or disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Strongly Disagree

☐

Don't know

Please give your main reasons for your answers.

Are there any other comments or suggestions you would like to make to help us with this decision and in planning for the future provision of the children?

Please write in the box below.

We would like to hear from many different people as your views help us to decide whether or not we make these changes.

We will process your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations, which means that we will not give your personal data to any third parties.

Your comments will be anonymous - your name or anything that could identify you will not be included in any report. However, we cannot guarantee that this information will be withheld if it is requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please tell us who you are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil | <input type="checkbox"/> School governor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Guardian | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Parent Teacher Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community group |

Other (please specify): _____

Which school are you linked to? _____

What is your postcode? _____

The earliest this change could take place would be September 2025.

You can tell us your views by returning your completed form to the school office.