

## Consultation a change of catchment area for Hopton CE Primary Academy, Norfolk, from 1 September 2024

### Our proposal

Norfolk County Council, Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT) and the Governors of Hopton CE Primary Academy are proposing to change the catchment area of Hopton CE Primary Academy, from 1 September 2024.

### Why are we consulting on a change of catchment area?

There is significant growth of new houses planned in the local area. Norfolk County Council are proposing to change the catchment areas, before the housing is in place and occupied, so that we can ensure local children are in catchment for a school within their community.

For example, there are 500 homes planned for the northern part of the current Hopton catchment area. The current school in Hopton is based in the centre of the village and is therefore accessible for local children living in Hopton, to walk or cycle to school. Norfolk County Council have assessed that children living in the new homes in the northern part of the current Hopton catchment area would have better access to Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy via established footpaths and road infrastructure. If the Hopton catchment area remains as it is, it would mean these children would have to travel along the A47 to get to their school in catchment.

This proposal is linked to a proposal from Norfolk County Council, to change the catchment areas of Ormiston Cliff Park and Bradwell from 1 September 2024. Full details of these proposals can be found on these links; <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/cliffpark> and <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/bradwell>

### What is a catchment area

A catchment area is a defined geographical area that serves a particular school. In most cases, the area is used to provide priority for admission to a particular school. In planning the layout of a catchment area, the Admissions Authority, in this case DNEAT, should try to ensure that the parent would have reasonable expectation for priority to that school.

### What are the proposed changes to the catchment area

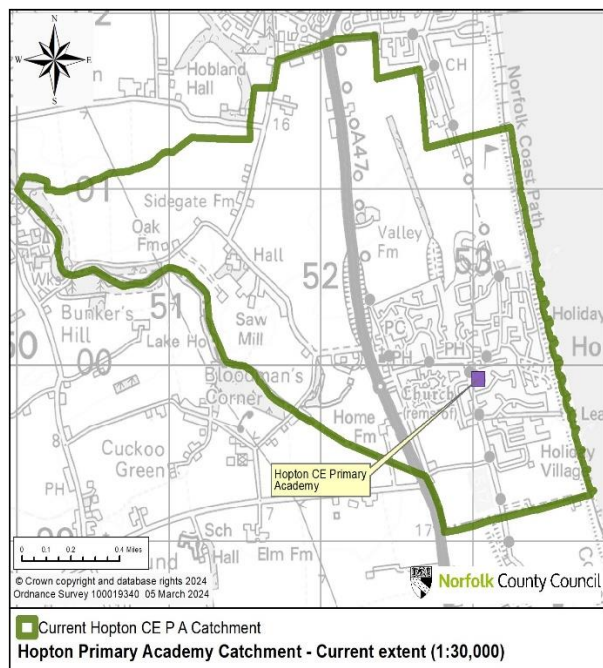
The proposal is to reduce the size of Hopton catchment area, to ensure that local children have easier travel routes to their local school. It is proposed that the 'lost area' to the northern end of the current catchment area will be included in the Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy catchment area. The section to the right, will go to Bradwell catchment area.

The pupil forecasts remain quite stable into the future and sit slightly under the existing capacity of the school. This will give some capacity for the school to continue to admit children based on parental preference from a wider area. This incorporates locations across Gorleston as well as those that come from Suffolk.

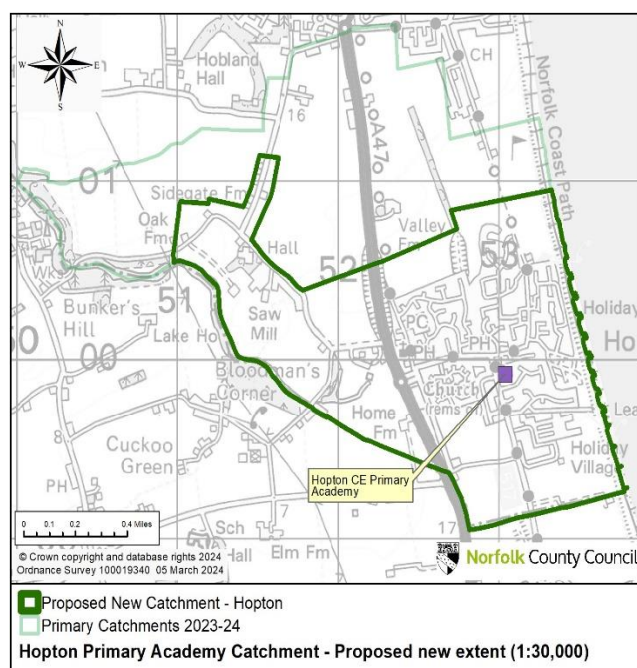
The vast majority of the existing pupil population stems from the village of Hopton, with additional housing anticipated within this area, and wider sites which may come forward as part of future local plan allocation will enable local places for children living in this community as those houses are built out.

The Local Authority does not think this change in catchment impacts the secondary phase schools across the area. Admissions criteria is set by each Admissions Authority and local academies currently do not consider catchment as a key criteria as part of the admission process.

### Current catchment areas for Hopton



### Proposed catchment area for Hopton



### How can I have my say?

Come and talk to us - There will be a meeting for parents/carers and other interested members of the community:

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 8.30 – 9.30am, at Hopton Primary Academy.

Tell us your views by;

- completing the online survey on <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/hopton>
- completing the attached form and handing it into the school office
- Emailing us at [schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk)
- Write to School Organisation Team, FREEPOST IH 2076, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DL. You do not need a stamp.

### What happens next

After this consultation ends on 24 May 2024, Norfolk County Council will review the results of the consultation and present the findings to the Executive Director of Children's Services who will recommend to DNEAT whether to change the catchment area of Hopton CE Primary Academy.

**We need all responses by 12 noon on 24 May 2024**

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Let us know what you think of our proposal

How far do you agree or disagree with our proposal to change the catchment area of Hopton CE Primary Academy, from 1 September 2024? Please tick a box.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree or disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree		

Why do you say this? Please write in the box below.

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 also use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal to change the catchment area of Hopton CE Primary Academy, from 1 September 2024.

We will process any personal information we receive from you in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and Norfolk County Council's data protection policy and guidelines. This means that Norfolk County Council will hold your personal data and only use it for the purpose for which it was collected, being this consultation.

We won't identify individuals when reporting back our findings and under our record management policy we will keep this information for five years. We will also, under normal circumstances, not pass your personal data on to anyone else. However, we may be asked under access to information laws to publish or disclose some, or all, of the information you provide in response to this consultation, including any personal information. We will only do this where such disclosure will comply with such relevant information laws which include the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please tell us who you are, (tick all that apply):

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

At which school? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your postcode? \_\_\_\_\_

Your views will help us decide if this proposal goes ahead. You can tell us your views by returning this completed form to:

- Accessing our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/hopton>
- Your school office
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**This consultation ends on 24 May 2024**