

Consultation on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for King's Lynn Academy at Queen Mary Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 4QG;

Change of catchment area, effective from September 2026

Our proposal

Eastern Multi-Academy Trust in conjunction with Norfolk County Council are proposing to change the admissions arrangements by altering the catchment area of King's Lynn Academy, effective from September 2026.

Why are we consulting on a change of catchment area?

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 as part of our ongoing commitment to collaboration and transparency.

Eastern Multi-Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority for King's Lynn Academy, however Eastern Multi-Academy Trust and the Local Authority, Norfolk County Council periodically review catchment areas to ensure they meet the needs of the area.

Through the recent annual admission rounds, there has been significant issues for children living within the catchment area of Downham Market Academy not being offered places at their local school. This has been particularly evident for those living in the areas furthest from the Academy.

Where preference is not met, the Local Authority has a duty to offer a school place and children are offered places at the nearest school with a place available; as a rural locality, alternatives have been some distance from home addresses involving home to school transport in most cases.

With the uncertainty for families, Local Authority Officers have looked at options, working with Academy Trusts in the area to seek alternative admission arrangements and therefore Eastern Multi-Academy Trust proposes to change the catchment area of King's Lynn Academy to:

- Respond to changes in pupil population and balance enrolment across neighbouring secondary schools, ensuring schools are not over or under-subscribed; optimising facilities and resources which support better learning environments.
- Reduce the distance that pupils need to travel to their local school, supporting reduction in carbon footprint and encouraging community and parental engagement.

This consultation is linked to proposals from Marshland High School, part of West Norfolk Academies Trust and Downham Market Academy, part of Eastern Learning Alliance.

It is proposed that these plans will become effect from September 2026, so pupils applying for places in 2026-2027 will be under the new admissions arrangements.

The changes will not affect pupils already attending the school.

Full details of linked proposals can be found on these links; [Marshland High School - Admissions Consultation](#) and [Admissions - Downham Market Academy](#)

This consultation is in line with the [School Admissions Code 2021](#).

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 Eastern Multi-Academy Trust, 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 change the catchment in the following way:

King's Lynn Academy

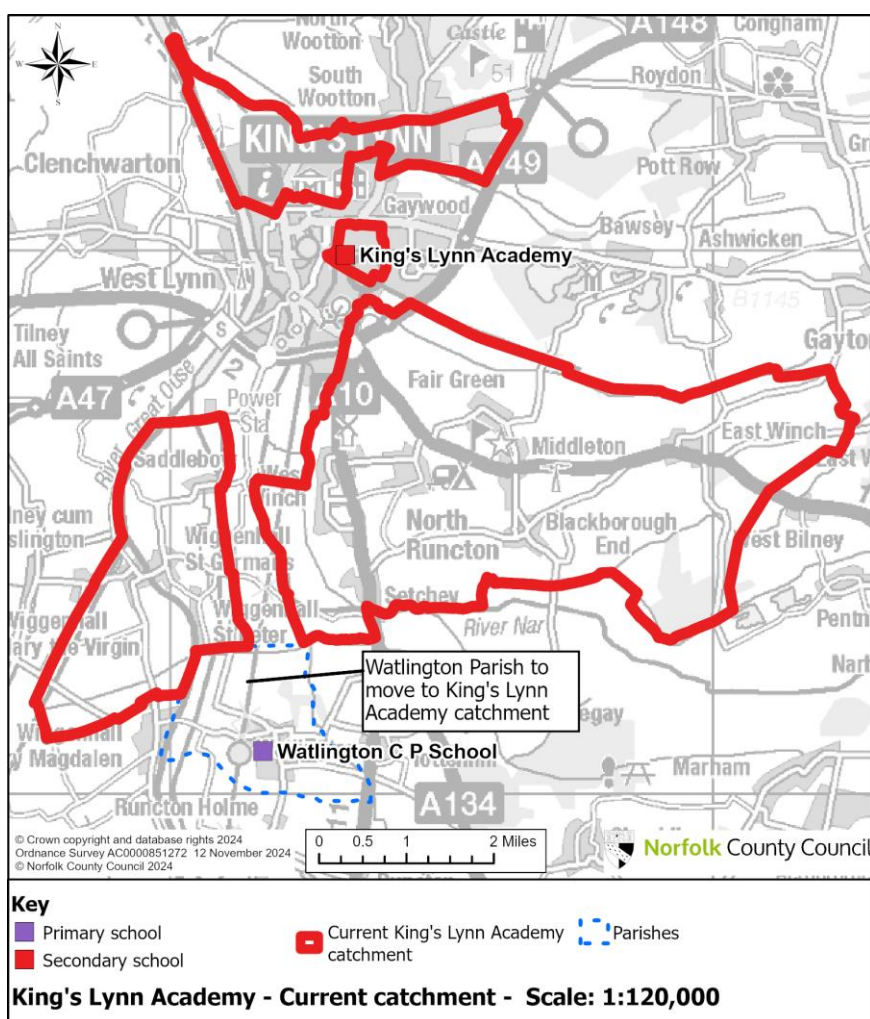
The catchment area for King's Lynn Academy will be expanded to include the catchment area of the new feeder school Watlington Community Primary School (comprised of the parish of Watlington).

There will be no change to the Planned Admissions Number (PAN).

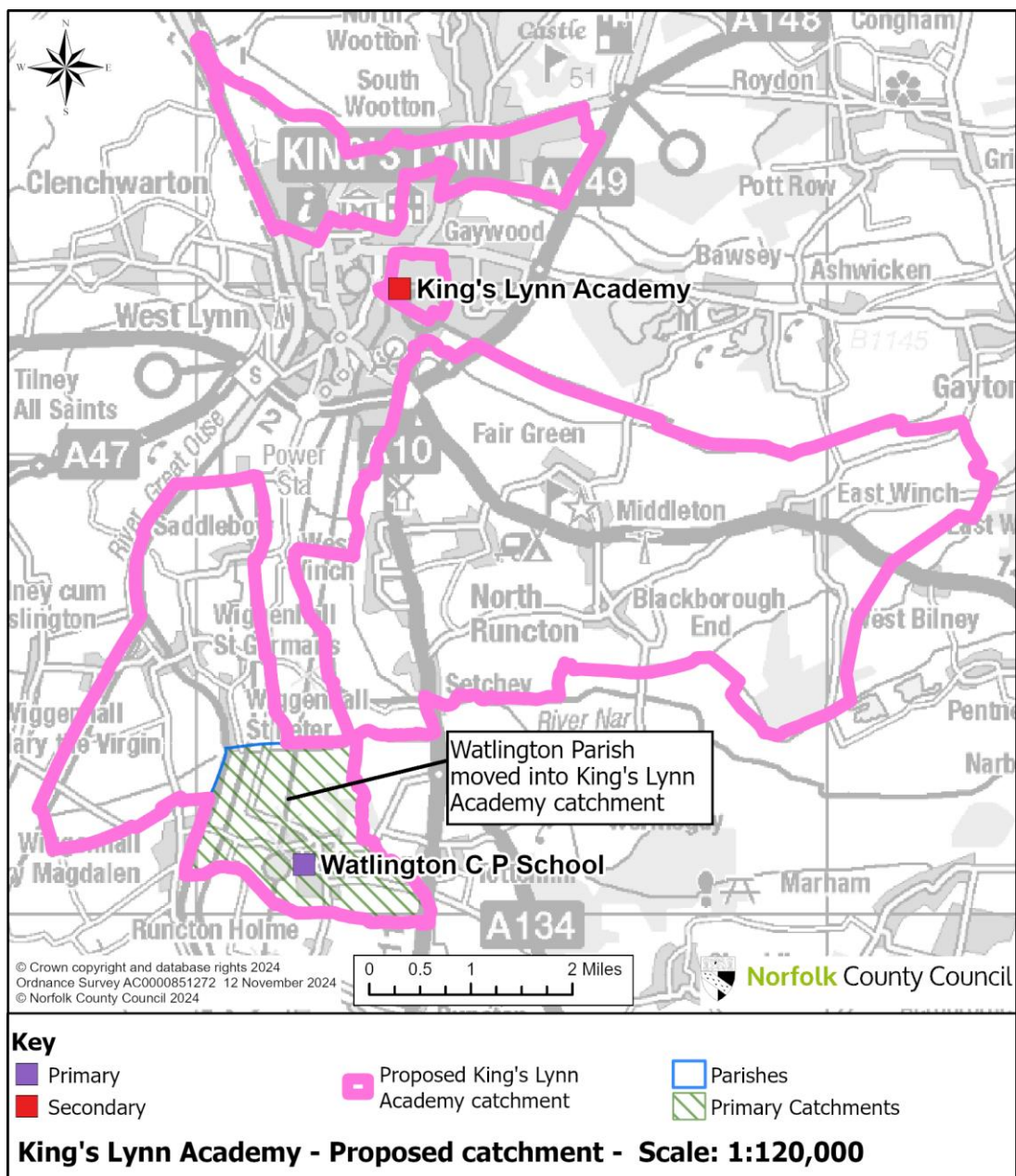
No other aspects of the admissions arrangements for King's Lynn Academy are proposed to be changed. You can view the [full policy on our website here](#).

Admission Authorities must ensure that their arrangements will not disadvantage unfairly, either directly or indirectly, a child from a particular social or racial group.

Current catchment areas for King's Lynn Academy



Proposed catchment area for King's Lynn Academy



How can I have my say?

Consultation on changes to admissions arrangements are required to be open for a period of six weeks in term time, therefore the consultation will run from 18 November 2024 to 15 January 2025.

There are several ways you can share your views with us, including:



- completing the online survey via QR code or at <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/kingslynn>
- completing the attached form and handing it into the school office
- Emailing us at Rebecca.schrooder@eastern-mat.co.uk
- Write to Eastern Multi Academy Trust, Queen Mary Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE30 4QG

What happens next

After this consultation ends on 15 January 2025, Eastern Multi-Academy Trust in collaboration with Norfolk County Council will review the results of the consultation. After considering the findings alongside the consultations linked with Marshland High School and Downham Market Academy, the Executive Director of Children's Services, will recommend to Eastern Multi-Academy Trust whether to change the catchment area of King's Lynn Academy.

The outcome of the consultation will be made public in February in a determination notice on the school website.

We need all responses by 12 noon on 15 January 2025



Consultation on the change of catchment area for King's Lynn Academy, Queen Mary Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 4QG, from September 2026

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 King's Lynn Academy, from September 2026? Please tick a box.

Strongly agree Agree Neither agree or disagree
 Disagree 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 King's Lynn Academy, from September 2026.

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/kingslynn>
- Eastern Multi Academy Trust, Queen Mary Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE30 4QG
- Emailing Rebecca.schrooder@eastern-mat.co.uk

This consultation ends on 15 January 2025