

Consultation on a change of catchment area for Marham Primary School, near Aylsham

What is the proposal?

Norfolk County Council is consulting on the proposal to change the catchment area of Marham Primary School (Foundation), from 1 September 2024.

Why are we consulting on a change of catchment area?

Our proposal is linked to a proposal by the Governors of Hevingham and Marham Federation who are proposing to close Marham Primary (Foundation) School with effect from 31st August 2024. This means we need to review the catchment area that is linked to Marham Primary School, if the closure proposal is agreed. Full details of the Governors' proposal can be found at the bottom of the page on this link; <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/marham>

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, Norfolk County Council, should try to ensure that the parent would have reasonable expectation for priority to that school.

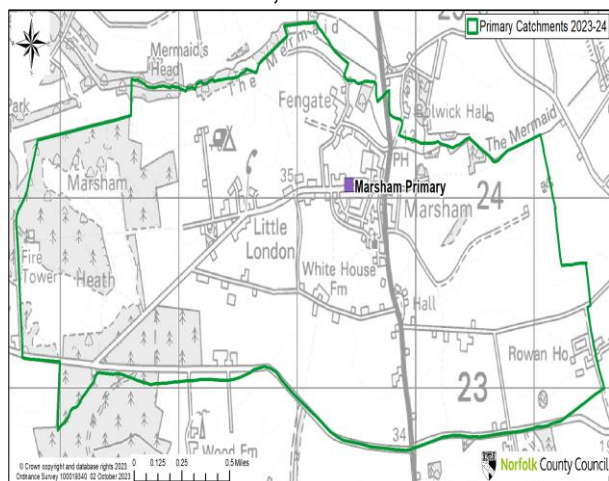
Why are we consulting on a change of catchment area?

The proposal to close Marham Primary School has an impact on the catchment area for children from this area, in the future. Norfolk County Council is proposing to change the Marham catchment area, by including it into the catchment area of Aylsham.

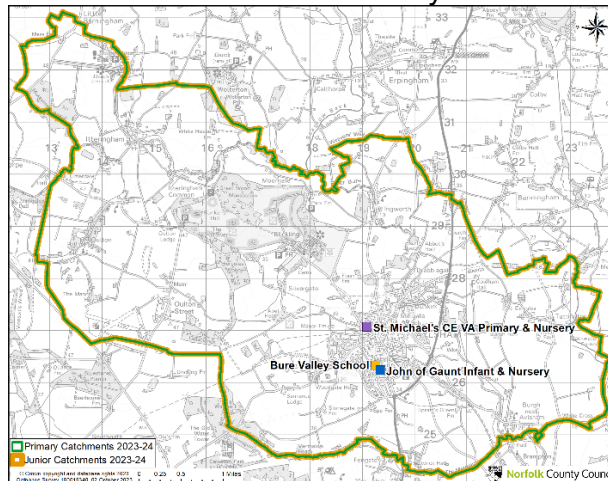
The pupil forecasts for Marham are low and the Council feel there will be space at the Aylsham schools for pupils within the new catchment area, subject to parental preference.

Current catchment areas for Marham and Aylsham

Current catchment; Marham

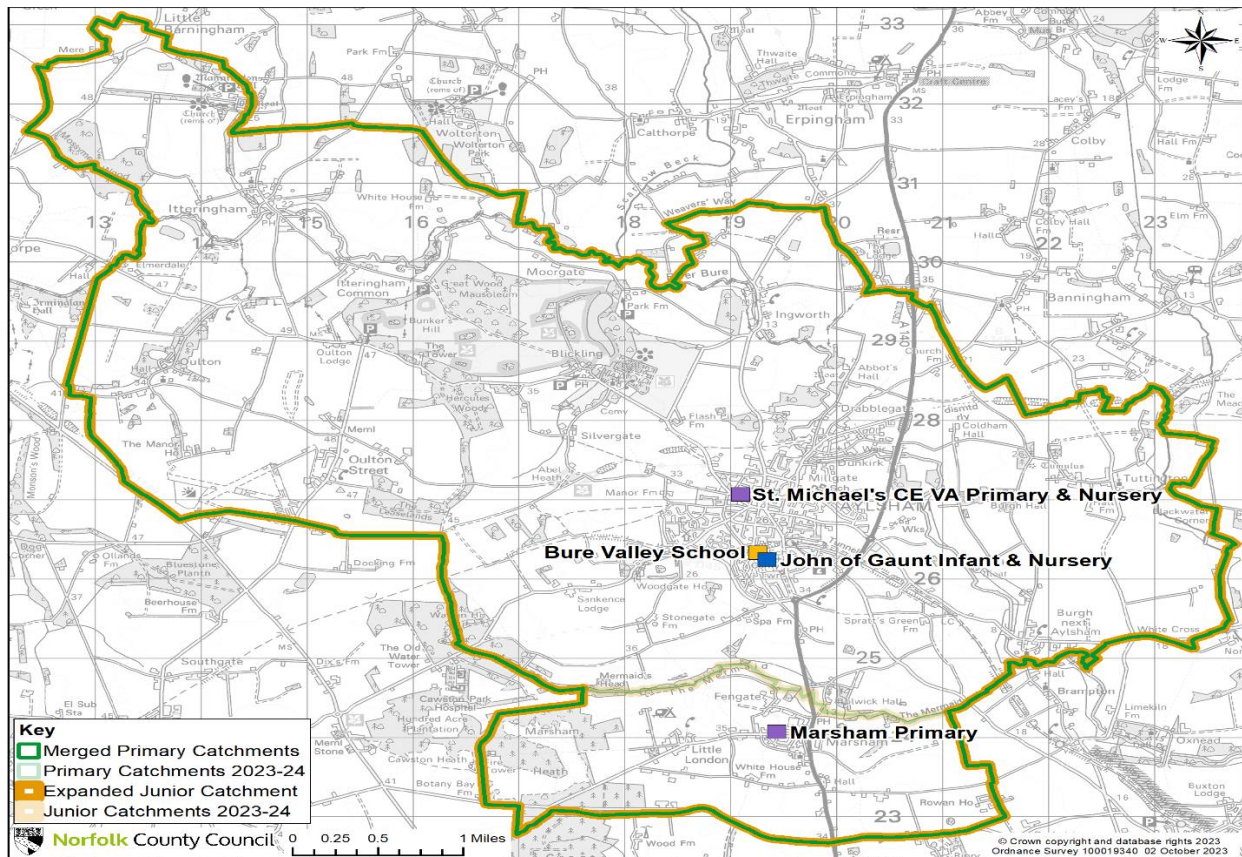


Current catchment area for Aylsham



Proposed new catchment area

It is proposed that Marsham catchment area joins with the Aylsham catchment area, as shown in the diagram below.



How can I learn more about this proposal and have my say?

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

- 2.15 – 3.15pm, Thursday 9th November 2023 at Marsham Primary School ((This will also include the consultation event for the proposal to close Marsham Primary (Foundation) School)
- 2.15 – 3.15pm, Monday 13th November 2023 at Bure Valley School
- 2.15 – 3.15pm, Wednesday 15th November 2023 at St Michael's CE VA Primary School

Tell us your views by;

- Completing the online survey on <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/marshamcatchment>
- Completing the attached form and handing it into the School Office at Marsham Primary, John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School, Bure Valley School or St Michael's CE VA Primary and Nursery School
- Email schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk

What happens next

After this consultation ends on 15 December 2023, Norfolk County Council will review the results of the consultation and present the findings to the Executive Director of Children's Services who will decide whether to change the catchment area.

We need all responses by 12 noon, 15th December 2023

**Consultation on catchment change for Marsham Primary School,
from 1 September 2024***

*subject to the closure proposal of Marsham Primary School

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 Marsham Primary School, to be included in the Aylsham catchment area, from 1 September 2024? 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 this change. We will also use any personal information to understand how different groups of people feel about our proposal to change the catchment area of Marsham Primary School, to be part of the Aylsham catchment area, 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):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <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:

- Accessing our online survey: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/marshamcatchment>
- Returning this form to your school office at Marsham Primary, John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School, Bure Valley School or St Michael's CE VA Primary and Nursery School
- Emailing schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk

This consultation ends 12 noon, 15th December 2023