

Freedom of Information – Response – 27499

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. The catchment areas for all primary schools within your local authority, covering the period 2010 to the present day.

A- Due to the changing educational landscape and the creation of academies and free schools, the majority of schools are now responsible for their own admission arrangements, which includes the catchment area. These can change yearly following the statutory process in the School Admissions Code. It is up to the school or Academy Trust to decide if they wish to continue to use the catchment area as part of their admission arrangements to prioritise applications. Some academies who previously had a catchment area have now chosen to remove it, while others have expanded or created them. This is why a yearly list is created where any additional roads and housing developments that we are aware of are added.

Some voluntary aided schools and free schools have never had a catchment area. When new schools have been built in recent years, they also haven't had a catchment area.

The catchment area lists also include school name changes, up-dated wording to make it consistent, school closures (identified in Q2) and the School Organisational Review (SOR) which included the closure of middle schools as well as the changing age ranges of the schools and ensuring parents had a choice of two-tier and three-tier education systems whilst the two ran alongside each other.

Please note: from the 2021/2022 school year, the catchment area lists on the webpages had to be made accessible. To do this the excel spreadsheets were copied into Word and then pdf – this means the information above the columns may be in red and not up-dated as the spreadsheets were not published in that format. The lists of road names and villages/parishes are correct.

Catchment areas, including individual maps and lists, for those schools who have them can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/school-catchment-areas> for the 2026/2027 school year, the 2025/2026 school year documents currently on the website will be removed at the end of term.

2. Where catchment areas have changed during this period, please include the relevant boundaries and effective dates for each version.

A- Please note: some of the following changes may have been changed since if the school converted to academy status and no longer uses catchment areas in its admission arrangements.

School Organisation Review: Howard Primary School and Sexton's Manor Primary School catchment areas were extended to include the catchment areas of the remaining

three-tier primary schools from September 2016. This was to make sure all children had a two-tier catchment area school.

Amendments due to in-filling within towns

Mapleton Gardens, Ipswich: catchment line slightly amended so the whole new road in Clifford Road Primary School catchment area, December 2020.

Eaton Place, Rushmere St. Andrew: catchment line slightly amended so the whole of the new road in Heath Primary School and Rushmere Hall Primary School joint catchment area, August 2013.

The Daubentons, Bury St Edmunds: catchment line slightly amended so the whole of the new road in Guildhall Feoffment Primary School catchment area, January 2016.

East Close, Bury St Edmunds: catchment line slightly amended so the whole extended road in Guildhall Feoffment Primary School catchment area, September 2018.

Amendments before building development started

Rougham and Great Barton on the edge of Moreton Hall: catchment line amended to put next phase of development into Abbots Green Primary Academy rather than Great Barton Church of England Primary Academy and Rougham Church of England Primary School, October 2017.

Ridley's Orchard development, north west of Ipswich: catchment line amended to put development into Whitton Primary School (now The Beeches Primary School) rather than Claydon Primary School, November 2017.

Bourne View development off Bourne Hill, Ipswich: catchment line amended to put development into Halifax Primary School rather than Tattingstone CEVCP School, October 2017.

Consultation to change existing catchment areas due to housing developments

Grange Farm, Kesgrave: catchment area amendments to reduce the size of Cedarwood Primary School catchment area and increase the size of Heath Primary School catchment area due to expansion of this school building, September 2012.

Academies

Morland Church of England Primary School: extended its catchment area to include the parish of All Hallows from August 2023 school year.

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Woodbridge: amended wording from parish boundary to catchment area so included in the Suffolk County Council list from August 2025 school year.

Anomalies

Hundon Close, Stradishall: this was incorrect on the catchment area list stating Wickhambrook CP School when it was in the parish boundary of Great Thurlow and not Stradishall, as the postal address suggests. From August 2013 this was amended to Thurlow CEVCP School.

Houses in the south west of the parish of Creeting St Mary, between the A14 and the River Gipping: this was a historical anomaly. To rectify this, these houses which were in Bosmere Primary School's catchment area were put in a joint catchment area in February 2015 with Creeting St Mary CEVAP School.

The Maples, Rushmere St Andrew, IP4 5RW: this anomaly was up-dated in January 2016 from Rushmere Hall Primary School to Heath Primary School catchment area.

Brick Kiln Cottage, Campsea Ashe, Woodbridge, IP13 0QL: this was a historical anomaly which was amended in June 2022 from Wickham Market Primary School to Eyke Church of England Primary School.

Catchment changes due to school closures

Badwell Ash CEVAP School: school's catchment area added to Norton CEVCP School, July 2014.

Stoke Ash CP School: school's catchment area added to Thorndon CEVCP School, August 2014.

Monks Eleigh CEVCP School: school's catchment area added to Lavenham CP School, October 2014.

Peasenhall Primary School: school's catchment area added to Yoxford Primary School, December 2016.

Please note, due to the size and number of attachments included, this is a partial response. To see the full version, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI team at : FOI@suffolk.gov.uk