



Department
for Education

Draft agenda: East of England

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- the school/academy name (and where this is about a 'trust change', please also state the name of the recipient trust), and the local authority area of the school/academy
- your relationship to the school/academy
- your comments on the proposal
- any alternative proposal(s) you may have
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Items listed for decision by East of England this month

Cambridgeshire

Trust changes

- An application for Crosshall Infant School Academy Trust [URN: 136332], Cambridgeshire, to transfer from Crosshall Infant School Academy Trust to Meridian Trust.
- An application for Crosshall Junior School [URN: 136339], Cambridgeshire, to transfer from Crosshall Junior School Limited to Meridian Trust.

Essex

Converter academy orders

- An application from Nazeing Primary School [URN: 114972], Essex, to convert and become an academy and join Scholars' Education Trust.

Norfolk

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Brancaster CofE Primary Academy [URN: 148821], to merge with Docking Church of England Primary Academy and Nursery [URN:148822], both of the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust, Norfolk.
- An application for Great Dunham Primary School [URN: 148668], to merge with Beeston Primary School [URN: 144317], both of the Unity Education Trust, Norfolk.
- An application for St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy [URN: 150063], The Diocese of Norwich St Benet's Multi-Academy Trust, Norfolk, to change its age range from 4-11 to 2-11 and add a nursery.

Southend

Significant changes to an open academy

- An application for Shoeburyness High School [URN: 137733], Southend East Community Academy Trust, Southend, to make the following change:
 - Adding a 21-place SEN unit or resourced provision
- An application for Thorpedene Primary School & Nursery [URN: 143336], Southend East Community Academy Trust, Southend, to make the following change:
 - Adding a 14-place SEN unit or resourced provision

Suffolk

Converter academy orders

- An application from Honington Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School [URN:124702], Suffolk, to convert and become an academy and join All Saints Schools Trust.

Glossary of project types

Converter academy orders

Where the governing body of a local authority maintained school has applied to become an academy and wants to join an existing academy trust or set up a new academy trust with other local authority maintained schools.

Sponsored academy orders

Where a local authority maintained school is becoming an academy because it has been judged inadequate by Ofsted or is not making the necessary improvements, meaning it is currently judged as requires improvement, having been judged below good in its previous inspection.

Establishing a new academy through the free school presumption route

Where a local authority has identified a need for a new school in its area and invited applications from trusts to be accountable for the new school.

Significant changes to an open academy - a change which may have a 'significant' impact on the local school environment, through changing the number and/or type of school places and/or where they are offered.

Trust changes

Where an academy is moving from one academy trust to another, including where two or more academy trusts are coming together and academies within those trust are moving to the new trust. It also includes where a single academy trust applies to become a multi academy trust.

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