



## **Joint Consultation on Proposed Variation to Admissions Arrangements;**

Catchment area changes from 1 September 2026 for Corpusty Primary School, Reepham Primary School and Astley Primary School.

### **Quick Summary**

**What is being proposed?** The catchment area of Corpusty Primary School will be split across two primary schools following confirmation of amalgamation

**Who may this affect?** New school applications from September 2026 for primary schools

**Consultation dates?** 1 July 2026 until 17 July 2026

**How to respond?** See details on page 7

### **Why is this change being proposed?**

In light of the recent confirmation from Synergy Multi Academy Trust (Synergy) and the Department for Education (DfE) of the decision to amalgamate Corpusty Primary School with Reepham Primary School, it is necessary to update local school catchment areas to reflect that the Corpusty site will no longer be used for mainstream provision, transferring education to the Reepham site.

Admission Authorities may propose variations to admissions arrangements where there has been a major change in circumstances. Academies are the Admissions Authorities for their own schools; however, this is a joint consultation, Norfolk County Council is working in collaboration with Synergy to coordinate the admissions of pupils including how the catchment areas are arranged; this reflects our commitment to openness and joint working, ensuring that the wider admissions landscape changes are considered in a coherent and efficient way.

We are bringing this consultation forward at this point in the academic year to ensure it takes place during term time and following official confirmation of the amalgamation outcome. This allows processes to move forward in a timely way, including progressing any required application to the Secretary of State, while still providing an opportunity for all interested parties to share their views.

We know that changes like this can feel unsettling, and we want to explain clearly what this could mean for all stakeholders and we're inviting feedback from those who may be affected by this proposal. The consultation is open from **1 July 2026 until 17 July 2026 at 12 noon**. Details on how you can give feedback can be found later in this document on page 7.

This proposed change is intended to make sure each catchment area clearly aligns with a school and to reallocate catchment arrangements following amalgamation. It's an interim step to provide clarity for families. We will, however, continue to keep catchment arrangements under review. As part of this, we may look more closely at how areas operate in the future, working with schools and communities to ensure they remain fair and sustainable. Any such changes would be carefully considered and shared in advance.

### **The Proposed Change:**

It is proposed that the Corpusty Primary School catchment area will not be allocated in its entirety to the remaining amalgamating school (Reepham Primary School). The area will instead be shared across two nearby schools to support fairness, sustainability of pupil numbers, and access to local schools for children and families. The schools involved are:

- **Corpusty Primary School**, Norwich Road, Corpusty, Norfolk, NR11 6QG, *Synergy Multi Academy Trust*
- **Reepham Primary School**, School Road, Reepham, Norfolk, NR10 4JP, *Synergy Multi Academy Trust*
- **Astley Primary School**, Fakenham Road, Briston, Melton Constable, Norfolk, NR24 2HH, *Synergy Multi Academy Trust*

### **Primary school changes:**

- As a result of the amalgamation of Corpusty Primary School and Reepham Primary School, Corpusty Primary School will be discontinued and will no longer require a catchment area.
- The proposal is to divide the catchment area which served Corpusty Primary School across two neighbouring schools; Reepham Primary School and Astley Primary School.
- All schools are feeder schools for Reepham High School, therefore secondary provision will be unaffected.

### **What is a catchment area?**

A catchment area is a specific geographical zone that can give children living in the area priority to get into a certain school. Admissions authorities set up these areas so parents can expect a better chance for their children to get a place at the school. Even though catchment areas help decide who gets a priority for placements and eligibility for home to school transport, families can still apply to any school, no matter where they live. Admissions authorities can choose the priority they give (if any) to children living within a defined catchment area. You can find out more about home to school transport on page 6.

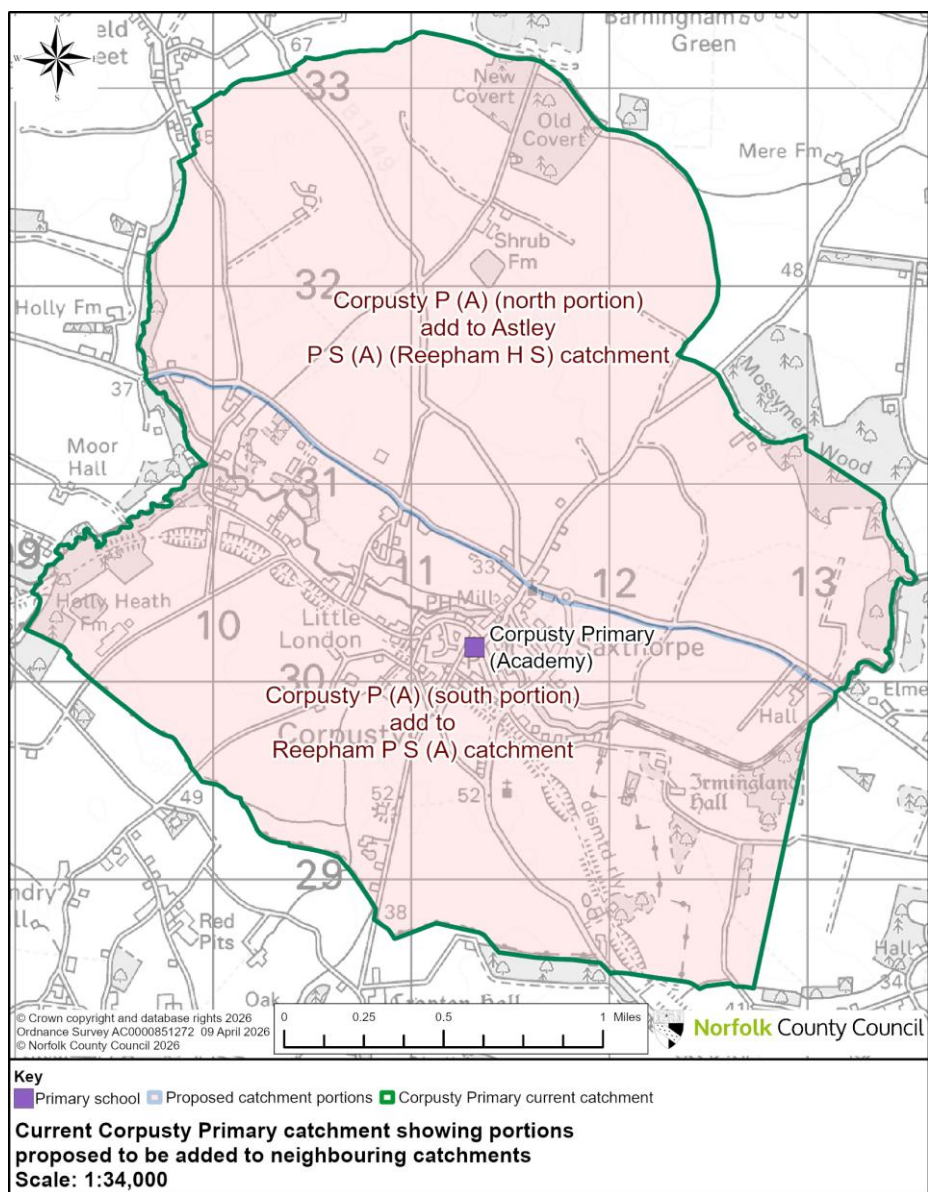
### **What will not change:**

- The changes will not affect pupils already attending any of the schools.
- The changes will not affect pupil or family ability to select a school of preference outside of their catchment area.
- Changes will only affect new school applications from **1 September 2026 onwards**.
- Does not affect applications made prior to 1 September 2026

## Maps:

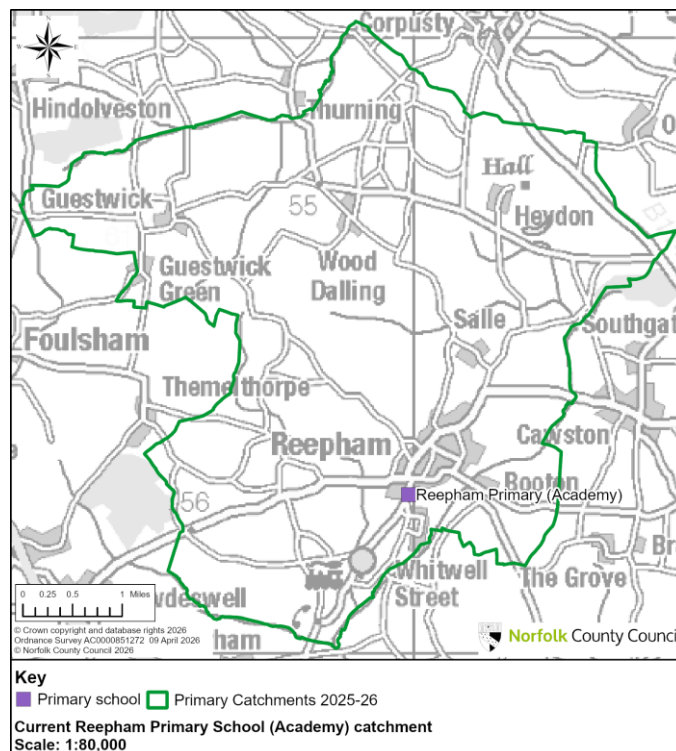
This map shows how the existing catchment area for Corpusty Primary School will be split up into two.

- The northern portion will be added to the catchment area for Astley Primary School
- The southern portion will be added to the catchment area for Reepham Primary School



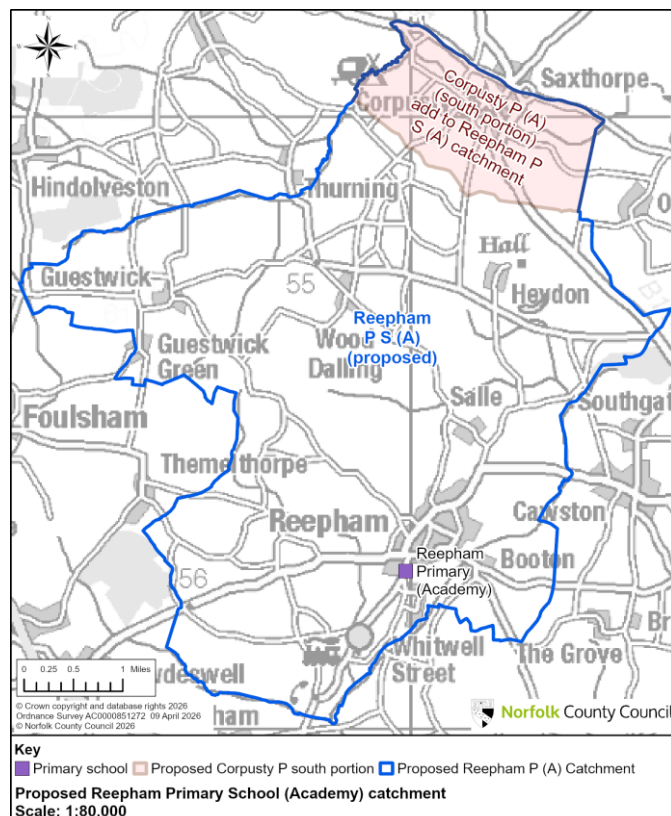
# Reepham Primary School

## Current Reepham Primary School catchment area map



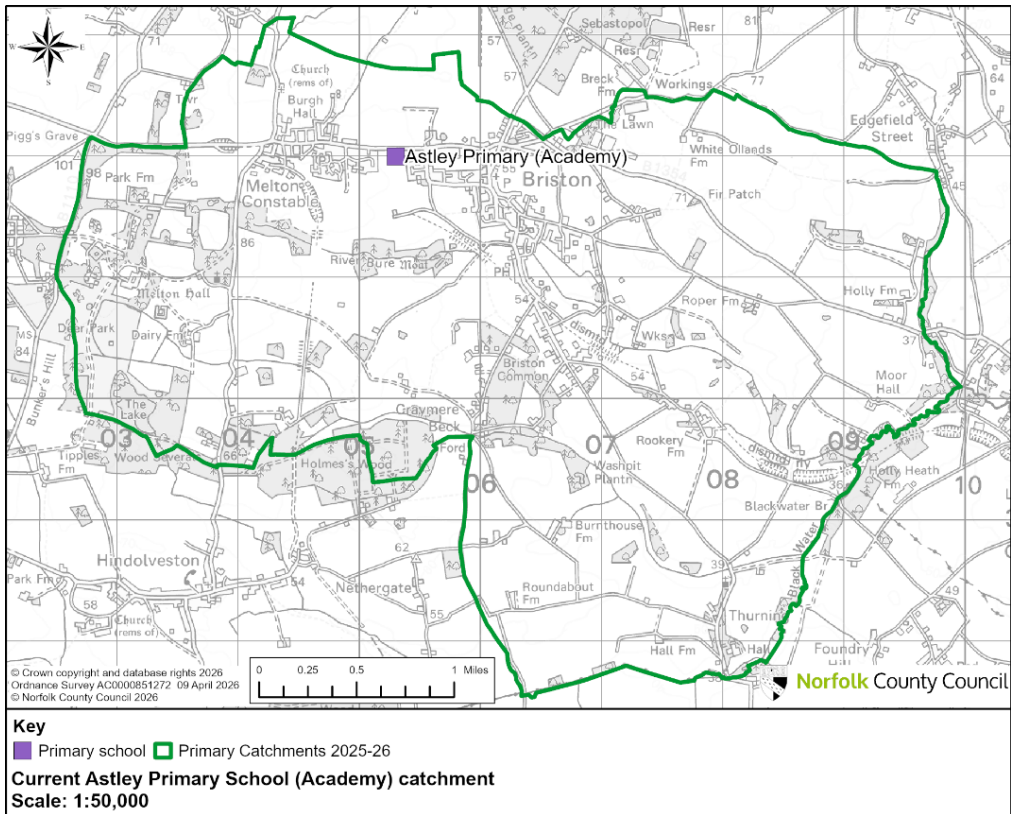
## Proposed Reepham Primary School map from September 2026

- The southern portion on the Corpusty catchment will be added to the northeast of the Reepham catchment



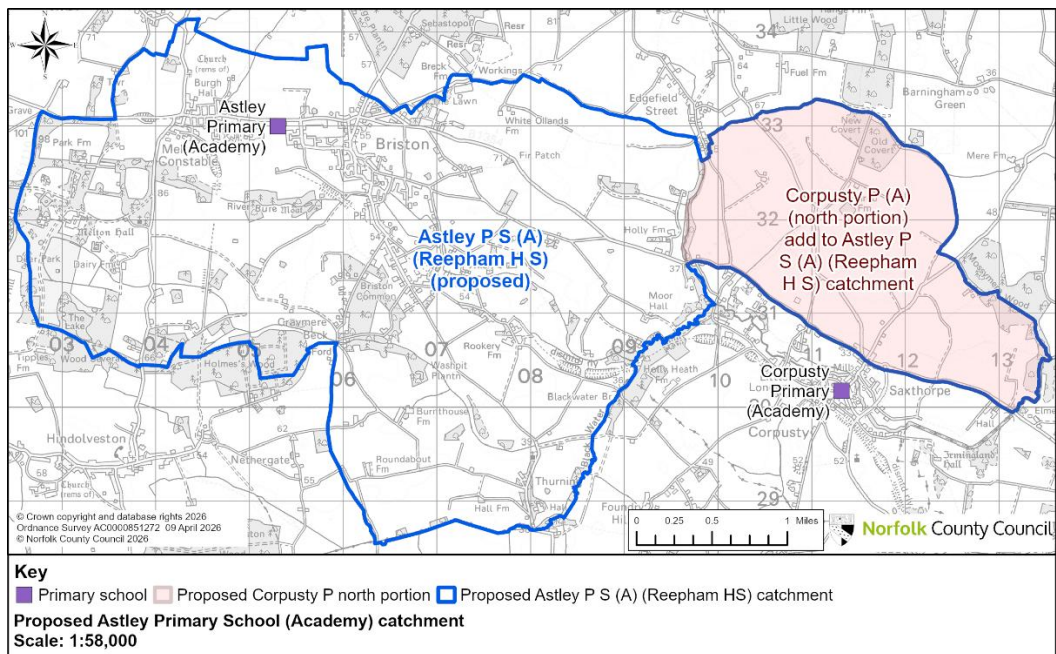
# Astley Primary School

## Current Astley Primary School catchment area map



## Proposed Astley Primary School catchment area map from September 2026

- The northern portion of the Corpusty catchment will be added to the east of the current Astley catchment



## How might this change affect home to school transport?

Depending on where you live, your child may be eligible for Norfolk County Council funded home to school transport, if they

- Are of statutory school age (5 to 16 years)
- Will be starting school at 4 years old but they will become 5 years old before 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Attend the nearest catchment school or nearest available school for their age and educational needs (as assessed by the County Council) provided they meet the distance and age criteria below:
  - Under 8 years of age and living more than 2 miles from the school or\*
  - 8 years of age and over living more than 3 miles from the school\*
- Pupils of primary school age (up to the end of year 6) who are entitled to free school meals due to a qualifying benefit or whose parents are in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit, and attending their nearest catchment or nearest available school if living more than 2 miles away.

\*The 2 and 3 mile qualifying distances will be measured by the shortest available walking route using roads and public rights of way.

If the proposed changes to catchment areas go ahead, this may affect which school is considered a child's nearest or catchment school.

You can see the full home to school transport policy here: [Transport for 5 to 16-year-olds - Norfolk County Council](#)

## How to Share Your Views:

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.

- The consultation will run from **1 July 2026 until 17 July 2026 at 12 noon.**
- There are several ways you can share your views:

Tell us your views about the catchment area changes by;



- Completing the online survey via the QR code or clicking this link: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/corpusty>
- Emailing us at [schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk)
- Completing the attached form and handing it into your school office
- Write to School Organisation Team, FREEPOST IH 2076, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DL. You do not need a stamp.

**If you need this document in a different format or language, please let us know and we will be happy to help.** You can contact us by telephone on **01603 638099** or by email at [schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:schoolreview@norfolk.gov.uk) to arrange this.

## Next Steps:

- After the consultation ends, Norfolk County Council will review the responses and present the findings to the Executive Director of Children's Services.
- If it is agreed to proceed, the Executive Director of Children's Services will make a formal recommendation to change the catchment area of Corpusty Primary School to Synergy Multi-Academy Trust.
- The Trust involved will follow their own governance processes, including referral to the Secretary of State for approval to vary their admissions arrangements outside of the normal timescales.
- If the changes are agreed, it is intended that they will become effective from 1 September 2026.
- If the changes are not agreed, the current arrangements will remain in place.

# Response Form

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Following the amalgamation of Corpusty Primary School with Reepham Primary School effective 1 September 2026

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**What do you think of these proposals? Please provide responses below**

**How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to change the catchment areas of Corpusty Primary School, Reepham Primary School and Astley Primary School?**

Please tick a box.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

**Please give your main reasons for your answers.**

**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 children?**

Please write in the box below.

Norfolk County Council would like to hear from many different people as your views help us to decide whether or not we make and recommend these changes.

We will process your personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations, which means that we will not give your personal data to any third parties. You can find out more about the [privacy notice here](#).

Your comments will be anonymous - your name or anything that could identify you will not be included in any report. However, we cannot guarantee that this information will be withheld if it is requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please tell us who you are:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pupil                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> School governor          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / Carer                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Local resident           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Parent<br>Teacher Association | <input type="checkbox"/> Local business           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of staff                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Local sports group       |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community<br>group |

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Which school are you linked to? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**The earliest this change could take place would be September 2026.**

You can tell us your views by returning your completed form to your school office.

**This consultation ends at 12:00 noon on 17 July 2026**