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Overview of school status

Schools by type/phase

Governance	Nursery (number)	Nursery (%)	Primary (number)	Primary (%)	Secondary (number)	Secondary (%)	All- through (number)	All- through (%)	Special (number)	Special (%)	Alternative Provision (number)	Alternative Provision (%)	ALL (no.)	ALL (%)
Community	7	100	69	33%	0	0%	0	0%	3	25%	1	33%	80	30%
Academy	0	0	99	47%	32	97%	1	100%	9	0.75	2	67%	143	54%
UTC	0	0	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	1	<1%
Foundation	0	0	7	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	7	3%
VA	0	0	13	6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	13	5%
VC	0	0	22	10%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0%	22	8%
TOTAL	7	100	210	100%	33	100%	1	100%	12	100%	3	100%	266	100%

[NB. Percentages may not add due to rounding.]

UTC: University Technical College

VA: Voluntary Aided

VC: Voluntary Controlled

Schools in the Process of Conversion to Academies

(NB. Maintained Nurseries may not convert to academy status.)

Phase/Type of School	School Name	Academy Trust	Target Conversion Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Changes in Academy Trusts or Transfers of Schools between Trusts

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Phase/Type of School	School Name	Outgoing Academy Trust	Incoming Academy Trust	Target Transfer Date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Planned and Proposed Changes

District	Phase	Location	Nature of Change	Implementation Date
Cambridge City	Secondary	North Cambridge Academy	A scheme to provide a modest increase in places and address suitability issues at the school has been completed, and will come into effect for the new academic year.	September 2025
East Cambridgeshire	Early years and Primary	Kennett Primary School	The garden village proposal for Kennett (500 homes) includes relocation, and expansion of the existing primary school. The school's capacity will increase from 105 to 210 places and the number of early years places will also increase. The new school site was handed over on 11 October 2024. The school will retain a PAN of 15 in 2026/7.	October 2024
East Cambridgeshire	Primary	Littleport Primary School	Continuing housing development in Littleport is expected to require more school places. The Council proposes to increase the school's capacity from 420 to 630 places.	September 2025
East Cambridgeshire	Early Years	Millfield Primary School	The Council proposes to increase the capacity of the early years provision at the school from 24 to 48 full-time equivalent places.	April 2025
East Cambridgeshire	Early years and Primary	The Rackham CE Primary School	Several housing developments are underway in Witchford, and pupil numbers are expected to increase above the school's capacity. The design phase is underway to expand the early years setting and the school from 330 to 420 places.	TBC
East Cambridgeshire	Primary	Robert Arkenstall CE Primary School	Several housing developments are underway or planned in Haddenham and Wilburton, and pupil numbers are expected to increase above the school's capacity. The design phase is underway to expand the school from 270 to 330 places.	December 2025

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District	Phase	Location	Nature of Change	Implementation Date
East Cambridgeshire	Secondary	Witchford Village College	Construction is underway to increase capacity from 900 to 975 places and improve suitability of accommodation.	Spring 2025
East Cambridgeshire	All through Special	Highfield Littleport Academy	The Council and the school are carrying out a 50-place expansion to meet the growing demand for special school places in East Cambridgeshire, and countywide. The scheme is funded using additional High Needs Provision Capital Allocations (HNPCA) as a result of Cambridgeshire's safety valve agreement.	Summer 2025
Fenland	Primary	Manea Primary School	Work has completed on site to extend Manea primary school and to expand early years provision. The early Years accommodation was handed over on 25 October 2024. Additional places available from January 2025.	February 2025
Huntingdonshire	All through Special	St Neots	Work has been completed to expand Samuel Pepys area special school increasing capacity from 102 to 165 from January 2025. Given that the school already had 125 pupils on roll, the project has remedied existing capacity issues and provided 40 new places.	January 2025
South Cambridgeshire	Secondary Special	Satellite of Martin Bacon Academy at Northstowe Secondary College Sixth Form	Work is almost complete on an expansion co-located with the Northstowe Secondary College sixth form and immediately next to Martin Bacon Academy which will provide an additional 20 places for young people aged 16-19.	Sixth Form: March 2025
South Cambridgeshire	Primary and Secondary	Northstowe	Northstowe Secondary College (now Northstowe Learning Community) opened in September 2019 with capacity to accommodate 600 pupils. Its second phase is to expand the school to provide 78 early years places, 630 primary places, 1,200 places for pupils aged 11-16 and 400	Primary phase opened in September

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District	Phase	Location	Nature of Change	Implementation Date
	(with Post-16)		sixth form places. Little Flames Childcare is running the early years provision following a tender process. In September 2024 the primary phase opened with one Reception Year class. Sixth form pupils will share the secondary school accommodation until that building is complete.	2024, EY in October 2024. New build: Secondary School and early years = August 2024 Primary and 6 th form: March 2025
East Cambs	Primary SEND, ASD Unit	Spring Meadow Infants and Nursery School Ely	Approval has been given following consideration and consultation on prescribed alternations to Spring Meadow Infants & Nursery School to expand the current 10 place Autism (ASD) unit to become a 30-place unit. The approval also redefines the school's designation to reflect their ASD specialism and to increase the age range of the unit, from 4-7yrs to 4-9yrs. The school target an opening date of September 2025.	September 2025
Fenland	Primary SEND Enhanced Resource Base	Townley Primary School Christchurch	Approval has been given following consideration and consultation on prescribed alterations to Townley Primary School to establish a new Enhanced Resource Base (ERB). The ERB at the school will meet the needs of children who are cognitively able to access a mainstream curriculum, but who require significant additional support to do so, due to Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) needs. The ERB is targeting an opening date in May 2025 and will admit 10 children with Education, Health and Care Plans	May 2025

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New Provision

District	Location	Phase	DfE Free School Wave (if applicable)	Nature of Change	Implementation Date
Cambridge City	North West Cambridge Primary School, Darwin Green (NIAB)	Primary (with nursery)	Free School Presumption Process	The presumption process to identify a sponsor for the school concluded in Spring 2023, with Discovery Schools Academy Trust being appointed, with approval from the Children & Young People’s Committee, and the DfE.	Under review.
Cambridge City	Cambridge City Free School	Secondary	Wave 12	Knowledge Schools Trust has been approved as the sponsor for a new secondary school in the East of Cambridge. Agreement has been reached for a secondary school, which would ultimately be 900 places (6FE), but which could open as a 600 place (4FE) school. There is in principle support for securing community access to appropriate facilities, subject to clarity about the type and range of access and provision being available.	Under DfE review.
Cambridge City	Northwest Fringe Secondary School	Secondary	Free School Presumption Process	Pre-implementation meetings with the school sponsor Meridian and the DfE have commenced. The opening date remains under review.	Under review
Fenland	Wisbech	Secondary	Wave 14	A new 4FE secondary school, The Wisbech Academy opened in September 2024 on the Thomas Clarkson Academy site. It will move into temporary accommodation in September 2025 pending completion of the new permanent building in 2027.	The DfE plan to build the permanent accommodation ready for 2027.
Fenland	March area	All through Area Special School	Safety Valve	In August 2023, the DfE announced funding for a centrally delivered special free school to meet the needs of children and young people, aged 3-19 who have Education, Health and Care Plans. The new area special school will admit children with complex needs who are unable to access a mainstream curriculum. The new school will be located in the March area of Fenland. The new school, Lime Academy March, will be run by	DfE to confirm.

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District	Location	Phase	DfE Free School Wave (if applicable)	Nature of Change	Implementation Date
				Lime Academy Trust. The DfE will commence their site feasibility study in the coming months.	
Huntingdonshire	Sawtry	Primary	Free School Presumption Process	The Glatton Road site application for 350 dwellings in Sawtry includes a site for a new primary school to serve the village. The presumption competition to seek a sponsor to run the new school has been completed and the Regional Schools Commissioner has confirmed Meridian Trust as the new school sponsor. Initially, the school will have capacity for 1FE and 2 nursery classes, but built with core facilities to expand to 2FE as and when pupil numbers suggest this is necessary.	Dependent on DfE confirmation and build-out of development.
Huntingdonshire	Alconbury Weald Secondary School	Secondary	Wave 11	A site has been secured, through s106, on the Alconbury Weald development sufficient for an 8FE (1200 place) secondary school. Secondary pupils are currently directed to Sawtry VC in advance of the opening of the secondary school. DEMAT has been confirmed by the DfE as the academy sponsor and have been working in collaboration with Cambridgeshire County Council on the school design.	Proposed opening date of September 2027
Huntingdonshire	Alconbury Weald Special School	All through Special	Free School Presumption Process	A 150-place area special school on the development opened September 2024, collocated with the secondary free school at Alconbury Weald. This school, known as Prestley Wood Academy, it serves the 3-19 age range, and opened in September 2024.	September 2024.
South Cambridgeshire	Cambourne West Primary School	Primary	Delivery route yet to be determined	New primary schools are planned to serve the Cambourne West development. However, there has been a fall in annual births in Cambourne, hence the opening date of the first new school is likely to be delayed ensuring that any new provision does not undermine the financial stability of the existing schools.	Under review, subject to wider development progress.
South Cambridgeshire	Waterbeach	Primary	Free School Presumption Process	Following outline planning approval for the first phase of the major new development of 6,500 homes at Waterbeach Barracks, an initial phase of development of around 1,600 homes is under construction. Anglian	Current proposed date

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				Learning is the sponsor of the first new primary school consisting, of 78 early years and 630 primary places.	of September 2028
South Cambridgeshire	Gamlingay	Secondary special	Safety valve	In August 2023, the DfE announced funding for a centrally delivered special free school to meet the needs of children and young people, aged 11-16, and who have Education, Health and Care Plans due to a primary need relating to their social, emotional and mental health (SEMH). The new school will be on the former Gamlingay first school site. The new school, Greensands Academy, will be run by Meridian Trust. The DfE site feasibility study will commence in the coming months.	DfE to confirm.

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Appendix 1: Maintained Nursery Schools

Maintained Nursery School Name
Brunswick Nursery School
Colleges Nursery School
Histon Nursery School
Homerton Nursery School
Huntingdon Nursery School
Kings Hedges Nursery School
The Fields Early Years Centre

Appendix 2: Federations

Phase	Federation
Nursery	Brunswick and Colleges Nursery Schools, Cambridge
Cross-phase	Kings Hedges Nursery and Kings Hedges Primary School, Cambridge
Cross-phase	The Queens' Federation: Queen Emma Nursery, Queen Emma and Queen Edith Primary Schools
Primary	The Fawcett Federation: Fawcett and Trumpington Meadows Primary Schools
Primary	The Forest Federation: Stukeley Meadows Primary and Newton Primary

Appendix 3: Academy Schools in Cambridgeshire: updated November 2024

School	Trust	Phase
Abbey College	Abbey College, Ramsey	Secondary
Alderman Jacobs School	Soke Education Trust	Primary
All Saints Interchurch Academy	All Saints Inter-Church Academy	Primary
Babraham C of E Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Bar Hill Community Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Bassingbourn Village College	Anglian Learning	Secondary
Bottisham Community Primary School	Anglian Learning	Primary (N)
Bottisham Village College	Anglian Learning	Secondary
Bourn C of E Primary Academy	Bourn C of E Primary Academy	Primary
Buckden C of E Primary School	ACT Multi Academy Trust	Primary
Burrough Green C of E Primary School	ACT Multi Academy Trust	Primary
Burrowmoor Primary School	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Bury C of E Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Cambourne Village College	The Cam Academy Trust	Secondary

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Cambridge Academy of Science and Technology (UTC)	United Learning Trust	Secondary
Cambridge Maths School	Eastern Learning Alliance	Sixth Form
Cavalry Primary School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Primary
Chesterton Community College	Eastern Learning Alliance (Cambridgeshire Educational Trust)	Secondary
Chesterton Primary School	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	Primary
Coleridge Community College	Cambridge Academic Partnership (part of United Learning Group)	Secondary
Comberton Village College	The Cam Academy Trust	Secondary
Cottenham Village College	Astrea Academy Trust	Secondary
Cromwell Academy	ACES Academies Trust	Primary
Cromwell Community College	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	All-through
Crosshall Infant School Academy	Crosshall Infant Academy Trust	Infant (N)
Crosshall Junior School	Crosshall Junior Academy Trust	Junior
Ditton Lodge Primary School	Unity Schools Partnership	Primary
Downham Feoffees Primary Academy	Meridian Trust	Primary
Earith Primary School	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	Primary
Elm C of E Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Elm Road Primary School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Primary
Ely College and Bishop Laney 6th Form College	Meridian Trust	Secondary
Ely St Mary's CofE Junior School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Junior
Ermine Street Church Academy	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Ernulf Academy	Astrea Academy Trust	Secondary
Farcet CofE (C) Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Fen Ditton Primary School	Anglian Learning	Primary
Gamlingay Village Primary School	The Cam Academy Trust	Primary
Girton Glebe Primary School	Eastern Learning Alliance (Morris Education Trust)	Primary
Glebelands Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary
Godmanchester Bridge Academy	ACES Academies Trust	Primary
Godmanchester Community Academy	ACES Academies Trust	Primary

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Gorefield Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust (1 Sep 20) Previously Godmanchester Community Education Trust	Primary
Great Staughton Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Great Wilbraham CofE Primary School	ACT Multi Academy Trust	Primary (N)
Guilden Morden CofE Primary Academy	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Guyhirn CofE VC Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Harston and Newton Primary School	The Cam Academy Trust	Primary
Hartford Infant and Pre-School	The Cam Academy Trust	Infant (N)
Hartford Junior School	The Cam Academy Trust	Junior
Hatton Park Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Highfield Ely Academy	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	Special
Highfield Littleport Academy	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	Special
Hinchingbrooke School	ACES Academies Trust	Secondary
Histon and Impington Brook Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Histon and Impington Park Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Holme CofE Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Impington Village College	Eastern Learning Alliance (Morris Education Trust)	Secondary
Isle of Ely Primary School	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	Primary (N)
Jeavons Wood Primary School	The Cam Academy Trust	Primary
Kennett Primary School	Staploe Education Trust	Primary
Kimbolton Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Kingsfield Primary School	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	Primary (N)
Lantern Community Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary (N)
Leverington Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary
Linton Heights Junior School	Anglian Learning (Pre Apr 20 was Chilford Hundred Education Trust)	Junior
Linton Village College	Anglian Learning	Secondary
Little Thetford CofE Village College Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Longsands College	Astrea Academy Trust	Secondary
Marleigh Primary Academy	Anglian Learning	Primary (N)
Meadow Primary School	Anglian Learning Trust (Pre Apr 20 was Chilford Hundred Education Trust)	Primary

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Meadowgate Academy	Affinity Multi Academy Trust	Special
Melbourn Village College	The Cam Academy Trust	Secondary
Mepal and Witcham Church of England Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary (N)
Middlefield Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary
Millfield Primary School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Primary (N)
Milton Church of England Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Murrow Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust (previously with Leverington Primary Academy until 1/9/17?)	Primary
Neale-Wade Community College	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	Secondary
New Road Primary & Nursery School	Aspire Learning Trust (Whittlesey)	Primary (N)
North Cambridge Academy	Meridian Trust	Secondary
Northstowe Secondary School	Meridian Trust	Secondary
Oakington CofE Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Offord Primary School	The Cam Academy Trust	Primary
Olive AP Academy - Cambridge	Olive Academies Trust	Alternative Provision
Olive AP Academy - Nene Valley	Olive Academies Trust	Alternative Provision
Orchards Church of England Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary (N)
Park Lane Primary & Nursery School	Aspire Learning Trust (Whittlesey)	Primary (N)
Parkside Community College	Cambridge Academic Partnership (part of United Learning Group)	Secondary
Pathfinder C of E Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary (N)
Peckover Primary School	The Brooke Weston Trust	Primary (N)
Ramnoth Junior School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Junior
Ramsey Junior School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Junior
Ramsey Spinning Infant School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Infant
Riverside Meadows Academy	Horizons Education Trust	Special
Sawston Village College	Anglian Learning	Secondary
Sawtry Junior Academy	Meridian Trust	Junior
Sawtry Village Academy	Meridian Trust	Secondary
Sir Harry Smith Community College	Aspire Learning Trust (Whittlesey)	Secondary
Soham Village College	Staploe Education Trust	Secondary

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Somersham Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Spaldwick Community Primary School	ACES Academies Trust	Primary
Spring Common Academy	Horizons Education Trust	Special
St Alban's Catholic Primary School	Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic MAT	Primary
St Andrew's CofE Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary (N)
St Bede's Inter-Church School	St Bede's Inter-Church School	Secondary
St Ivo Academy	Astrea Academy Trust	Secondary
St John's CofE Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
St Laurence Catholic Primary School	Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic MAT	Primary
St Luke's CofE Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
St Mary's Church of England Primary School St Neots	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary (N)
St Peter's CofE Aided Junior School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Junior
St Peter's School, Huntingdon	The Cam Academy Trust	Secondary
Stapleford Community Primary School	Anglian Learning	Primary (N)
Stilton Church of England Primary Academy	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Swaffham Bulbeck Church of England Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary (N)
Swaffham Prior Church of England Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary (N)
Swavesey Village College	Meridian Trust	Secondary
The Cavendish School	Eastern Learning Alliance (Morris Education Trust)	Special
The Centre School	Astrea Academy Trust	Special
The Galfrid School	Cambridge Academic Partnership (part of United Learning Group)	Primary
The Harbour School	Meridian Trust	Special
The Icknield Primary School	Anglian Learning	Primary
The Martin Bacon Academy	Meridian Trust	Special
The Nene Infant & Nursery School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Infant (N)
The Netherhall School	Anglian Learning	Secondary
The Roundhouse Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary
The Shade Primary School	Staploe Education Trust	Primary (N)

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The Weatheralls Primary School	Staploe Education Trust	Primary (N)
The Wisbech Academy	The Brooke Weston Trust	Secondary
Thomas Clarkson Academy	The Brooke Weston Trust	Secondary
Thomas Eaton Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Thongsley Fields Primary and Nursery School	The Cam Academy Trust	Primary (N)
Thriplow C of E VA Primary School	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Trumpington Community College	Cambridge Academic Partnership (part of United Learning Group)	Secondary
Trumpington Park Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
University of Cambridge Primary School	UTS Cambridge	Primary (N)
Upwood Primary Academy	Thomas Deacon Education Trust	Primary
Vista Academy Littleport	Eastern Learning Alliance (The Active Learning Trust Ltd)	Secondary
Warboys Primary Academy	Thomas Deacon Education Trust	Primary
Westwood Primary School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Primary
William de Yaxley Church of England Academy	Diocese of Ely MAT	Junior
Winhills Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Wintringham Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Wisbech St Mary CofE Academy	Diocese of Ely MAT	Primary
Witchford Village College	Eastern Learning Alliance (Morris Education Trust)	Secondary

(N) indicates maintained nursery class attached.