

Cambridgeshire Education Capital and Place Planning Service Update – Summer 2026

Overview of school status

Schools by type/phase

Governance	Nursery	Nursery	Primary (number)	Primary	Secondary	Secondary	All-through	All-through (%)	Special (number)	Special (%)	Alternative Provision (number)	Alternative Provision (%)	ALL	ALL (%)
Community	7	100%	69	33%	0	0%	0	0%	3	23%	1	33%	80	30%
Academy / Free School	0	0%	99	47%	32	97%	2	100%	10	77%	2	67%	145	54%
UTC	0	0%	0	0%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
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		210	100%	33	100%	2	100%	13	100%	3	100%	268	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
Primary	Mayfield Primary School	Eastern Learning Alliance	1 September 2026
Primary	St Helen's Primary School	Meridian Trust	1 September 2026
Primary	Granta School	Meridian Trust	1 November 2026

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Changes in Academy Trusts or Transfers of Schools between Trusts

Proposed Trust Mergers

Trusts joining	Trust being joined	Target date

Planned and Proposed Changes

District	Phase	Location	Nature of Change	Implementation Date
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. A planning application has been submitted to expand the early years setting and the school. The Council consulted on a proposed increase in the school’s capacity from 330 to 420 and an increase in early years places from 24 to 50.	Targeting September 2028
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. Construction for an expansion from 270 to 330 is now complete.	Works completed February 2026, but places available September 2026
East Cambridgeshire	Primary	Burrough Green Primary Academy	Work is progressing at Burrough Green to establish a new Enhanced Resource Base (ERB). The ERB at the school will meet the needs of	September 2026

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			children who are cognitively able to access a mainstream curriculum, but who require significant additional support to do so, due to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) related needs. The ERB will open in September 2026 and will admit 10 children with Education, Health and Care Plans.	
Huntingdonshire	Primary	Spaldwick Primary Academy	Work is progressing at Spaldwick Primary Academy 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 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) related needs. The ERB will open in September 2026 and will admit 10 children with Education, Health and Care Plans.	September 2026
South Cambridgeshire	Primary	Melbourn Primary School	Work is progressing at Melbourn 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 Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) related needs. The ERB will open in September 2026 and will admit 10 children with Education, Health and Care Plans	September 2026

New Provision

District	Location	Phase	DfE Free School Wave (if applicable)	Nature of Change	Implementation Date
Cambridge City	Darwin Green Primary School, (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.

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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	Darwin Green Secondary School	Secondary	Free School Presumption Process	Pre-implementation meetings with the school sponsor Meridian and the DfE have commenced. A design and build contractor has been appointed and a planning application will be submitted in late summer 2026. The opening date is targeted as September 2028 but there are significant risks to this date.	September 2028 with significant risks to this date.
Fenland	Wisbech	Secondary	Wave 14	A new 4FE secondary school, The Wisbech Academy opened in September 2024 on the Thomas Clarkson Academy site. It moved into temporary accommodation in September 2025 pending completion of the new permanent building in 2028	The DfE plan to build the permanent accommodation ready for 2028.
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 Lime Academy Trust.	DfE have provided a provisional date of 2029.
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	Under review and dependent on build-out of development

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				completed and the Regional Schools Commissioner has confirmed Meridian Trust as the new school sponsor. Initially, the school will have capacity for 1FE/210 places and 2 early years' classes, but built with core facilities to expand to 2FE/420 places as and when pupil numbers suggest this is necessary.	
Huntingdonshire	Alconbury Weald Secondary School	Secondary	Wave 11	A new 4FE/600-place secondary school is currently under construction to serve the Alconbury Weald development. The new school will be run by Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely Multi Academy Trust). Until the new school opens, secondary pupils will be considered in-catchment for Sawtry Village Academy.	DEMAT proposing an opening date of September 2027
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 Learning is the sponsor of the first new primary school consisting, of 78 early years and 630 primary places. Planning approval in place. Construction commenced in April 2026.	Opening date under review.
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 have not yet given a provisional opening date.

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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
Nursery	Huntingdon Nursery School & Huntingdon Primary School

Appendix 3: Academy Schools in Cambridgeshire: updated November 2024

School	Trust	Phase
Abbey College	Meridian Trust	Secondary
Alderman Jacobs School	Soke Education Trust	Primary
All Saints Interchurch Academy	All Saints Inter-Church Academy	Primary
Babraham CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Bar Hill Community Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Bassingbourn Village College	Anglian Learning Trust	Secondary
Bottisham Community Primary School	Anglian Learning Trust	Primary (N)
Bottisham Village College	Anglian Learning Trust	Secondary
Bourn CofE Primary Academy	Bourn C of E Primary Academy	Primary
Buckden CofE Primary School	ACT Multi Academy Trust	Primary
Burrough Green CofE Primary Academy	ACT MULTI ACADEMY TRUST	Primary
Burrowmoor Primary School	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Bury CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Cambourne Village College	The Cam Academy Trust	Secondary
Cavalry Primary School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Primary
Chesterton Community College	Eastern Learning Alliance (Cambridgeshire Educational Trust)	Secondary

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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	The Cam Academy Trust	Primary
Cromwell Community College	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	All-Through
Crosshall Infant School	Meridian Trust	Infant (N)
Crosshall Junior School	Meridian 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 CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the 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	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Junior
Ermine Street Church Academy	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Ernulf Academy	Astrea Academy Trust	Secondary
Farcet CofE (C) Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Fen Ditton Primary School	Anglian Learning Trust	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	Cam Trust	Primary
Godmanchester Community Academy	Cam Trust	Primary
Gorefield Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary
Great Staughton Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Great Wilbraham CofE Primary Academy	ACT Multi Academy Trust	Primary (N)
Guyhirn CofE VC Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Guilden Morden CofE Primary Academy	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Hartford Infant and Pre-School	The Cam Academy Trust	Infant (N)
Hartford Junior School	The Cam Academy Trust	Junior

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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	Cam Trust	Secondary
Histon and Impington Brook Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Histon and Impington Park Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Holme CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Isle of Ely Primary School	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	Primary (N)
Impington Village College	Eastern Learning Alliance (Morris Education Trust)	Secondary
Kennett Primary School	Anglian Learning Education Trust	Primary
Kimbolton Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Jeavons Wood Primary School	The Cam Academy Trust	Primary
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 Trust	Junior
Little Thetford CofE Village College Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Longsands Academy	Astrea Academy Trust	Secondary
Linton Village College	Anglian Learning Trust	Secondary
Marleigh Primary Academy	Anglian Learning Trust	Primary (N)
Meadow Primary School	Anglian Learning Trust	Primary
Meadowgate Academy	Affinity Multi Academy Trust	Special
Melbourn Village College	The Cam Academy Trust	Secondary
Mepal and Witcham CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the 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 CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Murrow Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary
New Road Primary & Nursery School	Aspire Learning Trust (Whittlesey)	Primary (N)
Neale-Wade Academy	The Active Learning Trust Ltd	Secondary
North Cambridge Academy	Meridian Trust	Secondary
Northstowe Learning Community	Meridian Trust	All-through
Offord Primary School	The Cam Academy Trust	Primary
Oakington CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Olive AP Academy - Cambridge	Olive Academies Trust	Alternative Provision

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Olive AP Academy - Nene Valley	Olive Academies Trust	Alternative Provision
Orchards CofE Primary Academy	Grace Schools (formerly the 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
Peckover Primary School	The Brooke Weston Trust	Primary (N)
Pathfinder CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary (N)
Prestley Wood Academy	Horizons Education Trust	Primary
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
Sawtry Junior Academy	Meridian Trust	Junior
Sawston Village College	Anglian Learning Trust	Secondary
Sawtry Village Academy	Meridian Trust	Secondary
Somersham Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Sir Harry Smith Community College	Aspire Learning Trust (Whittlesey)	Secondary
Soham Village College	Anglian Learning Education Trust	Secondary
Spaldwick Primary School	Cam Trust	Primary
Spring Common Academy	Horizons Education Trust	Special
St Andrew's CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary (N)
St Alban's Catholic Primary School	Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic MAT	Primary
St John's CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
St Ivo Academy	Astrea Academy Trust	Secondary
St Bede's Inter-Church School	St Bede's Inter-Church School	Secondary
St Laurence Catholic Primary School	Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic MAT	Primary
St Mary's CofE Primary School St Neots	ACT Multi Academy Trust	Primary (N)
St Luke's CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
St Peter's CofE Aided Junior School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Junior
St Peter's School, Huntingdon	The Cam Academy Trust	Secondary
Stapleford Community Primary School	Anglian Learning Trust	Primary (N)
Stilton CofE Primary Academy	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary

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Swaffham Bulbeck CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary (N)
Swaffham Prior CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the 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 Nene Infant & Nursery School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Infant (N)
The Icknield Primary School	Anglian Learning Trust	Primary
The Martin Bacon Academy	Meridian Trust	Special
The Netherhall School	Anglian Learning Trust	Secondary
The Roundhouse Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary
The Shade Primary School	Anglian Learning Education Trust	Primary (N)
The Weatheralls Primary School	Anglian Learning Education Trust	Primary (N)
The Wisbech Academy	The Brooke Weston Trust	Secondary
Thomas Eaton Primary Academy	The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust	Primary (N)
Thomas Clarkson Academy	The Brooke Weston Trust	Secondary
Thongsley Fields Primary and Nursery School	The Cam Academy Trust	Primary (N)
Thriplow CofE Primary School	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary
Trumpington Community College	Cambridge Academic Partnership (part of United Learning Group)	Secondary
Trumpington Park Primary School	Meridian Trust	Primary
Upwood Primary Academy	Thomas Deacon Education Trust	Primary
Warboys Primary Academy	Thomas Deacon Education Trust	Primary
Vista Academy Littleport	Eastern Learning Alliance (The Active Learning Trust Ltd)	Secondary
University of Cambridge Primary School	UTS Cambridge	Primary (N)
Westwood Primary School	The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Primary
William de Yaxley CofE Academy	Grace Schools (formerly the 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	Grace Schools (formerly the Diocese of Ely MAT)	Primary

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Witchford Village College	Eastern Learning Alliance (Morris Education Trust)	Secondary
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(N) indicates maintained nursery class attached.