



12th December 2025

Trumpington Federation (Fawcett and Trumpington Meadows Primary Schools) catchment area and admissions consultation

Further to our letter sent on 24th October 2025, the Trumpington Federation is issuing an amended catchment area consultation. This is as a result of feedback from local colleagues and additional advice provided after the original consultation documentation was issued.

Governors and leaders at the Federation understand the impact that low pupil numbers are having on **all** schools locally and further afield, however we wish to address the inequity of catchment area size, especially for Trumpington Meadows, compared to schools in our vicinity.

The catchment area for Trumpington Meadows is extremely small, currently standing at 1.29 km², in comparison to examples for neighbouring schools of the same or smaller Published Admission Numbers (PAN) with catchment areas of 12km² and 6.6 km². Half of the catchment area is green space.

In addition, the catchment area is overlapped in its entirety by that of a neighbouring school. We feel that this would partly be addressed by its extension north and south. We have shortened the proposed distance that the catchment extends south in this iteration, in order not to impose too greatly on schools to the south of our setting and in order to ensure a walking distance to school of less than two miles.

For Fawcett school, we have amended the catchment area to cover only the locations of the homes where children at our school tend to live, and again, reduced the reach to the south and extended slightly to the north.

Trumpington Meadows Primary School

Current catchment area :



Proposed catchment area:



Fawcett Primary School

Current catchment area :



Proposed catchment area:



Admissions

The Federation is not proposing any changes to the admission criteria for either school. A copy of the proposed admissions policy is available on the Federation's website:

<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=77>

Who is the Federation consulting with?

The Federation is consulting with local stakeholders including parents of children at schools and early years providers within the locality, parents of any other children aged between two and eighteen, local residents, councillors, the Local Authority, and head teachers and governors of local schools. The consultation will run from 12th December 2025 to 23rd January 2026.

Have Your Say

The Federation would welcome your views on the proposed changes to the catchment areas for Fawcett and Trumpington Meadows Primary Schools. Any written comments should be sent to The Trumpington Federation using this form - [Trumpington Federation catchment area consultation feedback form](#)

or by post to:

Fawcett Primary School
Alpha Terrace
Cambridge
CB2 9FS

Or

Trumpington Meadows Primary School
Kestrel Rise
Cambridge
CB2 9AY

It would be helpful if you would indicate in what capacity you are responding (for example, parent, teacher, governor etc.) Please respond by 23rd January 2026, when this consultation will close.

What Happens Next?

The Federation will consider all the responses to the consultation and respond in line with the Schools Admissions Code. It will then decide whether to implement the changes. If approved, the changes would be introduced for September 2027.



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