

Consultation to change the catchment area for The Queen Elizabeth Academy from September 2026

Introduction

Academy Transformation Trust is consulting on a change to the catchment area for The Queen Elizabeth Academy from 1st September 2026.

The current catchment area of Baddesley Ensor is shared with another local secondary school and has historically resulted in parents applying to The Queen Elizabeth Academy when they are not within the academy's catchment area.

The proposed change would allow all potential applications from Baddesley Ensor, where numbers permit, to take precedence at The Queen Elizabeth Academy rather than having their academy place based on the geography of the village. Baddesley Ensor is 4.7 miles from Atherstone.

As Baddesley Ensor is already part of our catchment area, we have the transport and infrastructures in place to support these students attending the academy.

In addition, the current catchment area has split extended families where they have either previously attended the academy or currently have extended family attending the academy.

No pupil who already has a place at the academy will be affected by this proposal.

Specific Proposal

The Academy Transformation Trust's Board and The Queen Elizabeth Academy Local Governing Body are proposing to increase the catchment area to include **ALL** of Baddesley Ensor effective from September 1st, 2026.

The Queen Elizabeth Academy shares the catchment of Baddesley Ensor (nearby village) with another local secondary school - Polesworth. The village is split down the middle resulting in one side of a street sitting within Polesworth's catchment and the other in Queen Elizabeth's. The admission rules in Warwickshire are quite complex, which has historically resulted in parents/carers applying for the school they are not in the catchment for. As a result of this some applications from Baddesley Ensor parents and carers have been unsuccessful and pupils have been allocated a school in Nuneaton which means a journey, to and from school, of some distance. Governors would like all local Baddesley Ensor children to be included in the TQEA catchment area to avoid this situation.

The proposed change will enhance the ability of our Trust Board and Education Directorate to support resource management and planning to ensure both the academy and its learning environment remain both viable and suitable for the delivery of its current high standard of education.

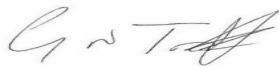
Academy Transformation Trust's Board and The Queen Elizabeth Academy have considered a number of key factors in deciding to hold a consultation in regard to the proposal:

- The ability of the academy to support pupil place planning and provide sufficient places for local pupils.
- Management and resource planning and its efficiency in supporting the required pupil cohorts.

Academy Transformation Trust is committed to supporting pupil place planning within each local authority in which we operate and would consider reviewing the catchment area in the future should the need in the area require this support.

Consultation period

The consultation period is running for six working weeks from 2nd December 2024 until 24 January 2024.



Garry Trott
Director of Secondary Education, Academy Transformation Trust

Who is being consulted

The consultation of this proposal is for the attention of the following:

- Local parents with children at the school
- Local primary and secondary schools
- Residents/people in the area with an interest in the proposal
- All other relevant admission authorities within the local area
- The local authority
- Neighbouring local authorities.

How to respond

Academy transformation Trust and The Queen Elizabeth Academy welcome your views on this proposal, and you can engage in the following ways:

Email: consultations@attrust.org.uk with the subject header **TQEA Catchment**

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