

This tab shows the projects reviewed as part of the mainstream free school pipeline review announced in October 2024 and outcomes announced on 12 December, which assessed 44 projects against the following criteria: evidence of need, value for money and whether the school would provide a unique offer for students who would otherwise not get it, without damaging the viability of existing local schools and colleges.

Current Project Name	School Phase	Local Authority	Trust Name	Pipeline Review Decision
Avanti Manor	Secondary	Hertfordshire	Avanti Schools Trust	Minded to cancel
Cabot Sixth Form	16-19	Bristol	Cabot Learning Federation	Minded to cancel
Cambridge City Free School	Secondary	Cambridgeshire	Knowledge Schools Trust	Continue in Pre-Opening
Central Ipswich Primary School	Primary	Suffolk	Asset Education	Minded to cancel
Coseley Technology Primary	Primary	Dudley	Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust	Minded to cancel
Dean Trust Free School	Secondary	Manchester	The Dean Trust	Minded to cancel
Dixons Victoria Academy	Secondary	Manchester	Dixons Academies Trust	Continue in Pre-Opening
Doncaster UTC Health Sciences and Green Technologies	Secondary	Doncaster	Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust	Continue in Pre-Opening
Durham Mathematics School	16-19	Durham	Providence Learning Partnership	Continue in Pre-Opening
East Village CE Academy	Primary	Swindon	Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust**	Continue in Pre-Opening
Eton Star Dudley	16-19	Dudley	Star Academies	Continue in Pre-Opening
Eton Star Oldham	16-19	Oldham	Star Academies	Continue in Pre-Opening
Eton Star Teesside	16-19	Middlesbrough	Star Academies	Minded to cancel
Fords View Primary	Primary	Barking and Dagenham	TVI Learning	Minded to cancel
Gravesend Central School	Secondary	Kent	Endeavour MAT	Minded to cancel
Great Stall East Academy	All-Through	Swindon	United Learning Trust	Minded to cancel
Hanwood Park School	Secondary	North Northamptonshire	Orbis Education Trust	Continue in Pre-Opening
Harrier Primary Academy	Primary	Thurrock	REAch2 Academy Trust	Minded to cancel
Harris Academy Avery Hill	Secondary	Greenwich	Harris Federation	Minded to cancel
Harrow View	Primary	Harrow	The Harrow Academies Trust	Minded to cancel
Hurst Farm Primary Academy	Primary	West Sussex	Sussex Learning Trust	Minded to cancel
Infinity Park Spencer Academy	Secondary	Derbyshire	The Spencer Academies Trust	Minded to cancel
Kingston CoE VA Secondary School	Secondary	Kingston upon Thames	Not applicable	Minded to withdraw DfE share of the capital funding*
Livingstone Academy West London	Secondary	Richmond upon Thames	Aspirations Academies Trust	Minded to cancel
Lodge Farm Primary and Nursery School	Primary	Essex	Attain Academy Partnership	Minded to cancel
Lotmead Primary School	Primary	Swindon	The Blue Kite Academy Trust	Minded to cancel
New College Keighley	16-19	Bradford	New Collaborative Learning Trust	Minded to cancel
New House Farm CofE Primary School	Primary	Derbyshire	Derby Diocesan Academy Trust	Minded to cancel
North Derbyshire University Academy	16-19	Derbyshire	Redhill Academy Trust	Continue in Pre-Opening
Perranporth Academy	Secondary	Cornwall	Truro & Penwith Academy Trust	Minded to cancel
Saracens Primary School	Primary	Barnet	Saracens Multi-Academy Trust	Minded to cancel
St Joseph's CofE Primary School	Primary	Hartlepool	Melrose Learning Trust	Minded to cancel
St Neots Academy	Secondary	Bedford	Advantage Schools	Continue in Pre-Opening
Star Lakeside Academy, Rochdale	Secondary	Rochdale	Star Academies	Continue in Pre-Opening
Star Primary Leadership Academy, Littleborough	Primary	Rochdale	Star Academies	Minded to cancel
Surbiton Primary Academy	Primary	Kingston upon Thames	Omnia Learning Trust	Minded to cancel

Swan Green Academy	Secondary	Leicester	Lionheart Educational Trust	Continue in Pre-Opening
Swift Academy	Secondary	Walsall	Windsor Academy Trust	Continue in Pre-Opening
The Avenue CofE Primary School	Primary	Derbyshire	Derby Diocesan Academy Trust	Continue in Pre-Opening
The Terry Elliott Academy	Primary	Leeds	The GORSE Academies Trust	Minded to cancel
Unity Romford Primary School	Primary	Havering	Unity Schools Partnership	Continue in Pre-Opening
University of Nottingham Maths School	16-19	Nottingham	East Midlands Education Trust	Continue in Pre-Opening
UTC Southampton	Secondary	Southampton	UTC Portsmouth	Minded to cancel
Wootton Park School (Dallington)	Secondary	West Northamptonshire	Wootton Park Academy Trust	Minded to cancel

*Kingston CoE Voluntary Aided Secondary school entered pre-opening in 2017 as part of the department's VA Capital scheme. 90% of the capital funding for the project was committed from the free schools capital budget, with agreement that the local authority would fund the remaining 10%.

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This tab shows planned next steps for special and alternative provision (AP) projects as of 12 December 2025, indicating those where LAs will consider alternative funding and those where we intend to move directly to alternative funding instead of the school. There are 77 special and AP projects under consideration for alternative funding rather than delivery of the proposed school. For most LAs there is a choice whether to continue with the proposed school or accept alternative funding. For the 18 projects where a trust has not yet been appointed, LAs will be given the alternative funding without a choice because the schools are so far from delivery that places can be delivered more quickly with funding. Any schools not on this list are continuing e.g. LA presumption special schools and those much closer to delivery.

Current Project Name	School Type	Local Authority	Trust Name	Next Steps
Whitstable Special School	FS - Special	Kent	Fortis Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Greensand Academy	FS - Special	Cambridgeshire	Meridian Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Lime Academy March	FS - Special	Cambridgeshire	LIME TRUST	LA considering alternative funding
Leigh Academy Birchwood	FS - Special	Kent	Leigh Academies Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Unity School Great Yarmouth	FS - Special	Norfolk	Unity Schools Partnership	LA considering alternative funding
The Ryston School	FS - Special	Norfolk	Eastern Learning Alliance	LA considering alternative funding
Beckmead Wealden Academy	FS - Special	West Sussex	The Beckmead Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Achieve Academy	FS - Special	Leicestershire	Macintyre Academies	LA considering alternative funding
Aspire Academy	FS - Special	Leeds	Ethos Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Thrive Learning Academy	FS - Special	Blackpool	The Sea View Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Springwell Grimsby	FS - Special	North East Lincolnshire	Wellspring Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
The Garden Village School	FS - Special	Darlington	The Education Village Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Green Ways Academy	FS - Special	Bath and North East Somerset	Three Ways School	LA considering alternative funding
Hillingdon Special Free School	FS - Special	Hillingdon	The Eden Academy	LA considering alternative funding
Inspire Academy	FS - Special	Sheffield	Ethos Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Frankley Hill School	FS - Special	Birmingham	Open Thinking Partnership	LA considering alternative funding
Springwell Birmingham	FS - Special	Birmingham	Wellspring Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
The Meadow	FS - Special	Enfield	Search Education Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Unity SLD School	FS - Special	Suffolk	Unity Schools Partnership	LA considering alternative funding
Bitham Park School	FS - Special	Wiltshire	Brunel Academies Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Co-op Academy Salford	FS - Special	Salford	The Co-operative Academies Trust	LA considering alternative funding
North Star Wells	FS - Special	Somerset	North Star Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Strawberry Fields School	FS - Special	Wokingham	Ascendancy Partnership Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Chiltern Way Academy Windsor and Maidenhead	FS - Special	Windsor and Maidenhead	Chiltern Way Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Bristol Specialist Provision	FS - Special	Bristol	Enable Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Fairfax Primary Academy	FS - Special	Middlesbrough	Horizons Specialist Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Rooks Nest School	FS - Special	Wokingham	Ascendancy Partnership Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Biggleswade SEMH Academy	FS - Special	Central Bedfordshire	Oak Bank School*	LA considering alternative funding
South Tyneside Special Free School	FS - Special	South Tyneside	PROSPER Learning Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Frimley Oak Academy	FS - Special	Surrey	London South East Academies Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Forest View Academy (Bracknell Forest ASD)	FS - Special	Bracknell Forest	The Propeller Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
The North Star School	FS - Special	East Riding of Yorkshire	The Education Alliance	LA considering alternative funding
Springwell Northallerton	FS - Special	North Yorkshire	Wellspring Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Enterprise Academy	FS - Special	Worcestershire	Macintyre Academies	LA considering alternative funding
ACE Cranbrook	FS - Special	Devon	Transforming Futures Multi Academy	LA considering alternative funding
Olive AP Academy - Tilbury	FS - AP	Thurrock	Olive Academies	LA considering alternative funding

Mulberry Learning Village	FS - AP	Tower Hamlets	Mulberry Schools Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Delta Calderdale AP Free School	FS - AP	Calderdale	Delta Academies Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Impact Academy Wigan	FS - AP	Wigan	The Bolton Impact Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Kithurst Academy	FS - AP	West Sussex	The Beckmead Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Minerva AP Free School	FS - AP	Sheffield	Minerva Learning Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Jude's Academy	FS - AP	Kent	Alternative Learning Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Sulis Academy	FS - AP	Bath and North East Somerset	Midsomer Norton Schools Partnershi	LA considering alternative funding
River Tees Academy Redcar and Cleveland	FS - AP	Redcar and Cleveland	River Tees Multi-Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Delta Stockton AP Free School				
Delta Kirklees AP Free School	FS - AP	Kirklees	Delta Academies Trust	LA considering alternative funding
The Engage Academy	FS - AP	Cheshire East	Youth Engagement Schools Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Turning Point	FS - AP	East Riding of Yorkshire	The Constellation Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Delta Barnsley AP Free School	FS - AP	Barnsley	Delta Academies Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Bowden Academy	FS - AP	Nottingham	Raleigh Education Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Cumberland Alternative Provision	FS - AP	Cumberland	Cumbria Education Trust	LA considering alternative funding
EEGT Suffolk AP Free School	FS - AP	Suffolk	Eastern Education Group Trust	LA considering alternative funding
The Link Academy	FS - AP	Stoke-on-Trent	Youth Engagement Schools Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Mansfield Health Academy	FS - AP	Blackpool	The Sea View Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Alternative Free School for Wiltshire	FS - AP	Wiltshire	REAch South Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Redwood Academy	FS - Special	Bromley	Rivermead Inclusive Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Osprey Quay Special School	FS - Special	Dorset	Southern Education Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Wings Academy	FS - Special	Hounslow	Orchard Hill College Academy Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Betchwood Vale Academy	FS - Special	Surrey	The Howard Partnership Trust	LA considering alternative funding
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole tbc Special School	FS - Special	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Pool	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Buckinghamshire tbc Special School	FS - Special	Buckinghamshire	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Bury tbc Special School	FS - Special	Bury	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Cheshire Middlewich SEND 2022	FS - Special	Cheshire East	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
East Riding of Yorkshire tbc Special School	FS - Special	East Riding of Yorkshire	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Enfield tbc Special School	FS - Special	Enfield	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Hampshire tbc Special School	FS - Special	Hampshire	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Harrow tbc Special School	FS - Special	Harrow	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Herefordshire, County of tbc Special School	FS - Special	Herefordshire	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Isle of Wight SEND 2022	FS - Special	Isle of Wight	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Lincolnshire tbc Special School	FS - Special	Lincolnshire	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Newham tbc Special School	FS - Special	Newham	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Nottinghamshire tbc Special School	FS - Special	Nottinghamshire	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Solihull tbc Special School	FS - Special	Solihull	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Stoke-on-Trent tbc Special School	FS - Special	Stoke-on-Trent	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Surrey tbc Special School	FS - Special	Surrey	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Walsall tbc Special School	FS - Special	Walsall	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided
Westmorland and Furness tbc Special School	FS - Special	Westmorland and Furness	Trust competition not complete	Alternative funding to be provided

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