

Proposed catchment changes for Northern Infant School, Northern Junior School and Red Barn Community Primary School

Hampshire County Council is proposing changes to the catchment areas of the above-named schools to take account of a planned new housing development on land East of Downend Road.

The current position:

Currently, the new housing development (situated on land East of Downend Road) sits within the catchment area for Red Barn Community Primary School. At secondary level, it falls within the catchment area for Portchester Community School.

The proposal:

To redraw the catchment boundaries so that the new housing development, along with a small number of existing houses on the land to the East of Downend Road (as shown on the map below), are removed from the catchment area for Red Barn Community Primary School and fully incorporated into the catchment area for Northern Infant School and Northern Junior School. It is proposed that this catchment area change will take effect for admissions from September 2024.

Proposed catchment change map

There are no proposals to change the existing secondary school catchment arrangement.

To mitigate the impact of the above proposed catchment change on any families living in the affected area with children at Red Barn Community Primary School, Hampshire County Council is also proposing the following transitional arrangement for inclusion (as a school specific criterion) in the admission policy for Red Barn Community Primary School:

Transitional arrangement for admission to Red Barn Community Primary School: Children starting school for the first time who have a sibling on roll at Red Barn Primary School who was on roll prior to the catchment change and who will still be on roll at the time of the younger child's admission, will be given 'in-catchment with sibling' priority for Red Barn Community Primary School for up to and including admission in September 2027.