

Four new C of E faith schools moving forward with little scrutiny

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Four new state-funded Church of England faith schools have moved closer to opening, despite a lack of public scrutiny around the plans.

The Department for Education has approved funding in principle for a new [voluntary aided](#) secondary school in Kingston-upon-Thames, which will be allowed to enforce a particularly exclusive religious ethos.

The other three schools, in Derbyshire, Kent and Hartlepool, have moved forward as part of the latest wave of free schools in the government's academies programme in England.

The school in Derbyshire has moved to the pre-opening stage, while the DfE has approved the other schools in principle.

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