

Ellen Tinkham School, Exeter, is a foundation school within the SENTient Co-operative Trust and provides registered day places for 155 boys and girls aged 3 to 19 with Severe Learning Difficulties, Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties and Complex Needs. The school is designated as Outstanding.

The Governing Body is consulting on the following proposal for our special educational needs provision in order to ensure an improved level of accessibility and ensure that there is access to services and provision for all children within their local communities and as near to home wherever this is possible. The proposal is in line with Devon County Council's Local Offer, which can be viewed at: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/send/> and Devon's Education Infrastructure Plan, which can be viewed via: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/pupil-place-planning>

### **The Proposal**

Expansion from 155 registered places to 180 places for boys and girls aged 3 to 19 with Severe Learning Difficulties, Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties and Complex Needs with effect from September 2017.

### **Cost**

There are no capital implications and the increase in children and young people attending the school can be accommodated within existing resources.

### **The Process:**

We are currently distributing this leaflet widely. The Executive Headteacher will be happy to discuss the proposals further and contact details are as follows:

Ellen Tinkham School: Jacqui Warne, Executive Head: Tel 01392 467168

The consultation period will run until 14 June 2017.

The Governing Body and Devon County Council will carefully consider all you say, which will help us plan further for the future and we will keep you informed throughout the process at: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/> - please select the 'Education and Schools' category.

If the decision is made to proceed further with these proposals then the timetable for the remainder of the process (assuming agreement to each stage) is likely to be:

- Brief Notice issued & further four week period for responses - **June/July 2017**
- Devon County Council makes decision -**August 2017**
- Implementation - **September 2017**

## Responding to the consultation

You can respond to the consultation by:

emailing: [schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk)

writing to:

Strategic Planning Children's Services, Room AB2, Lucombe House, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD

All responses will be placed on public file and will be available for public inspection.

Please note that all comments will be properly considered by the decision-makers, but we will not send individual responses to any specific points raised. The website will be updated and all statutory requirements complied with.

**Closing date for responses is 5p.m. on Wednesday 14 June 2017**

## CONSULTATION ON INCREASING PLACES AT ELLEN TINKHAM SCHOOL, EXETER

If you need a summary of this in a different format or in a different language, contact Strategic Planning Team on 01392 382057 or email: [schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk)

**The closing date for responding to this consultation is 5pm,  
Wednesday 14 June 2017**