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TO ALL FAMILIES AND STAFF

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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

Ellen Tinkham School is a highly sought after, Ofsted rated "Outstanding" school, and we regularly receive visits from families who are keen to place their child with us.

In view of this, and due to demand across Exeter and Devon for additional special school places, the Local Authority has requested we consider a proposal to increase our pupil numbers from 155 to 180 from September 2017. A consultation brochure is attached which explains the proposal.

I am fully supportive of this increase in Ellen Tinkham's pupil numbers. Not only do we have highly skilled and experienced teachers and staff working with the students, we also have physical capacity to educate additional pupils at our College at Bodley House in Whipton, Exeter. With the Local Authority's permission, we are already educating 170 pupils across both sites at present.

The consultation will run until 5 pm on Wednesday 14th June 2017. Please read the brochure carefully and if you would like to make a comment, please respond as directed. The consultation will formally begin after the 25th of May 2017.

If you have received an email copy of the proposal and would like a paper version, please call the School Office and let us know. Or alternatively, a copy can be downloaded from our website. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Jacqui Warne
Executive Head

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Member of the Learn to Live Federation with Ellen Tinkham College, EX1 3LF, and Bidwell Brook School, TQ9 6JU

"Ellen Tinkham is an extremely successful school with pupils' needs driving improvements through a well-developed person-centred approach." *Paul Scott, HM Ofsted Inspector – March 2011*

"This school continues to be 'outstanding'." *Steffi Penny, HMI Ofsted Inspector – February 2016*