

## Proposal to make a change in provision at: Ellen Tinkham School, Exeter

### School and LA details

Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QD

Ellen Tinkham School  
Hollow Lane  
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Devon  
EX1 3RW

### Description of alterations

It is proposed to increase the registered places at Ellen Tinkham School from 155 to 180 from September 2017.

### Evidence of demand

The number of places available needs to be increased to meet demand and is in line with the planning and commissioning of Special Needs provision and Devon's Local Offer.

### Objectives:

This provision would fill a gap in provision available and provide parents with additional choice.

### Education standards and curriculum

Ellen Tinkham School was inspected by Ofsted in 2016 and is an Outstanding School. The School's vision is that 'everyone will be the best they can be, nobody is excluded, every voice is heard'. Ofsted recognised that this was embodied in every aspect of the school's work, every day. Excellent outcomes for pupils of all ages are being maintained due to the high-quality learning experiences that pupils have. The Ofsted Inspection report can be found via: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

### Improvement in standards, quality and range of educational provision

The school is committed to raising educational standards for each student and ensuring that every child will be the best that they can be. Whatever the level of learning difficulties faced by individual pupils, work is pitched at the right level to enable pupils to make good progress. Students receive the full range of National Curriculum subjects and content. The school are committed to putting the children at the heart of everything they do, through their holistic approach to education. The school offer a wide range of residential experiences and trips for students, a progressive broad and balanced PE curriculum, outdoor education and numerous therapeutic sessions including rebound therapy, hydrotherapy, music therapy, communication and behaviour support.

### The effect on other Schools, Academies and educational institutions in the area:

The increase in places would not have a negative effect on other schools and would support them by providing specialist provision for children who are not managing or progressing in a mainstream setting.

## **Project Costs**

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

## **Implementation and any proposed stages for implementation:**

The proposals, if approved, will be implemented from September 2017.

## **Effect on existing pupils**

In planning and commissioning SEND provision the proposals are in line with Devon's Local Offer to ensure that children and young people with SEND should have the expectation to be part of their local community. Our multi-agency approach has a strong focus on improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND as well as involving them and their families in developing provision. The provision takes into account the demand for places at Ellen Tinkham School and will provide access to specialist support for more pupils.

## **Response to Brief Notice**

You can object to or comment on the proposals by:

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

Writing to: Strategic Planning Children's Services, Room AB2, Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

by the closing date of 5pm on Wednesday 19 July 2017.

Please note: all responses will be shared with the school concerned and the decision makers. Responses will be placed on public file and will be available for public inspection, unless you request otherwise.