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Devon County Council



## **CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF PYNES COMMUNITY INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL AND WEST CROFT JUNIOR SCHOOL - 2015**

### **Background**

Pynes Community Infant and Nursery School and West Croft Junior School are within Bideford Local Learning Community. The Governing Bodies of the Schools have been considering their future and are now consulting on the provision of one single primary school which will offer the best educational opportunities for children and their families in the area. The combined Schools will remain on their present sites, will have capacity for 630 pupils and will provide for pupils aged 3-11.

The amalgamation of the Schools will require a statutory process and in order to achieve the amalgamation Pynes Community Infant and Nursery School will close and a linked proposal will be made to alter the age range of West Croft Junior School.

### **Proposal**

**Pynes Community Infant and Nursery School:** will close but will be amalgamated with West Croft Junior School.

**West Croft Junior School:** linked proposal to alter the age range to 3-11 on combined sites with Pynes Infant and Nursery School with capacity for 630 pupils.

### **The Process**

We are currently distributing this leaflet widely and will be holding an Information Event, which you are invited to attend at Pynes Community Infant and Nursery School, Coronation Road, Bideford, Devon, EX39 3DD, on Thursday, 11 June 2015. As the event is not run in the format of a public meeting you are welcome to attend at any time between 3.30 and 6.30 p.m.

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

Officers will be present to discuss plans and to hear your views. We 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/>

Your view will inform any decisions for future provision, taking into account our statutory responsibility to provide places for all pupils in Devon.

If you are unable to attend the information event but would like to comment you can send a written response by 5 p.m. on Monday, 29 June 2015.

If the decision is made to go ahead with the proposals the timetable is likely to be:

Consultation period: 1 – 29 June 2015

Devon County Council considers outcome of consultation and whether to proceed to Brief Notice

Brief Notice published in Local Newspaper with four week representation period for responses: July 2015

Implementation: September/October 2015.

## Responding to the consultation

You can respond to the consultation by:

- filling in the online survey: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/> this website includes details of the proposals and will be updated as matters progress
- emailing: [schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolconsultations@devon.gov.uk)
- writing to

FREEPOST RSSR-UKYT-ZTYA, Strategic Planning Children's Services, Room AB2, 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 5 p.m. Monday, 29 June 2015.**