



**THE GOVERNING BODY ARE CONSULTING ON CHANGES TO
PROVISION AT RATCLIFFE SCHOOL, DAWLISH, DEVON**

The closing date for responding to this consultation is 5pm,

31 August 2016

Ratcliffe School, Dawlish, is a Foundation School within the Sentient Co-operative Trust and is federated with Oaklands Park School, Dawlish. The School provides day and residential places for boys and girls aged 5-16 with communication and interaction difficulties (ASC) and social development needs.

The Proposal

The Governing Body of Ratcliffe School are consulting on change of provision at the School from 80 places (including residential) to provision for 96 pupils (including 40 residential places) with effect from October 2016. The proposal will ensure an improved level of accessibility and access to services and provision for all children within their local community 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 our Education Infrastructure

Plan, which can be viewed at:

<http://www.devon.gov.uk/education-infrastructure-plan-v1.pdf>

Cost and Planning

Additional accommodation, subject to planning consents, will be required at Ratcliffe School to enable this change to take place.

The Process:

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

Cherie White, Principal, Tel: 01626 862939

The consultation period will run from 20 June to 31 August 2016

The Governing Body will carefully consider all you say.

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 & four week period for responses: September 2016
- Devon County Council makes decision: October 2016
- Implementation: end of October 2016

Responding to the consultation

You can respond to the consultation by:

emailing: admin@dawlish-ratcliffe.devon.sch.uk

or writing to:

Ratcliffe School, John Nash Drive, Dawlish, Devon EX7 9RZ

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 school website at: <http://dawlish-ratcliffe.devon.sch.uk/> will be updated and all statutory requirements complied with.

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