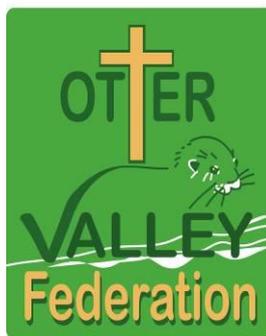


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The Relocation of Tipton St John School - Admissions

Dear parents and members of the community,

Following a Governors consultation you recently received a letter explaining that, on the 12th September 2016 the Full Governing Board of the Otter Valley Federation has unanimously approved the resolution to ask Devon County Council to consult on the proposal to move Tipton Church of England (VA) Primary School to the west side of Ottery and to increase the size of school to 210 PAN.

During the consultation, with Governors, one of the key concerns was about admissions and ensuring pupils living in Tipton St. John would still be prioritised for a place at the school if it has moved to Ottery. The governors had also highlighted this as an issue which needed prompt consideration.

Due to their role as an Admission Authority, the Governors are currently considering the admissions policy for September 2018 – August 2019. The policy will be drafted ready for consultation on 1st November 2016. Therefore the governors have asked Devon County Council and Diocese Admission to consider how to ensure applicants from Tipton St John may be prioritised if the school has moved to its new site.

On Monday 17th October at 6.15pm parents and the wider community are invited to attend a meeting in Tipton St. John Village Hall . This meeting will be attended by Andrew Brent, Policy & Strategy Office (Education), DCC and Christina Mabin, School Admissions & Governance Adviser, Exeter Diocese, to present their proposals for the site and conditions of the new school.

Please Note: No decision has been taken to move Tipton St. John. Effectively we will consult on two admissions policies for September 2018 – one for if the school moves and one if it is still on the same sites. Due to the statutory time line for these policies the formal consultation will start on the 1st November.

Hopefully this information session will give you a chance to understand the situation more fully and will help inform the county and diocesan representatives of any opinions held by members of the local community.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors

Colin Butler
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