

Devon County Council wish to propose that:

The age range of Newton St Cyres Primary School is changed from 4-11 to 2-11 years

from 1 April 2019.

The proposal is being made due to fluctuating numbers of children attending the governor-led pre-school during the year. The pre-school is therefore no longer financially viable as the number of children attending does not sustain a relatively high staffing level.

The proposal is therefore to change to a Foundation Stage Unit, led by a qualified teacher. The teacher will be supported by two suitably qualified early years practitioners. The projected number of children coming into the Foundation Stage Unit is small and the governors believe that this is the most cost-effective model of maintaining pre-school provision in the community.

The Exe Valley Federation Board of Governors have confirmed that this proposal will not affect the net capacity of the school or the planned admission number. The proposal will release the pressure on existing teaching areas by enabling space within the school to be used more flexibly. Any changes to the building will not require additional capital funding from the Local Authority. The federation has sufficient funding for the proposed change and will be able to utilise any surplus funds from the transfer of the Pre-school to enhance the learning environment for the children in the Pre-school.

As part of the consultation process, interested parties are invited to meet with the Executive Headteacher of the Federation, Chair of Governors and Head of School of Newton St Cyres on Monday 11th February 2019 between 3.00pm and 6.00pm at Newton St Cyres School, Station Road, Devon EX5 5DL.

Anyone is welcome to comment on or object to this proposal at these meetings or by contacting the Executive Headteacher, Mr John Jolliffe, at Cheriton Fitzpaine School, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton, Devon EX17 4AN or by email to: cheritonadmin@exevalleyfederation.org.uk. Requests for copies of this consultation document may also be made to this address.

The representation period will run from Monday 28 January 2019 to Monday 25 February 2019. It is proposed that the change will be implemented from 1 April 2019.