

6th December 2024

Dear parents and carers

Proposal for Tiverton High School to leave the Federation of Tiverton Schools

On 15 November 2016 Tiverton High School, Rackenford C of E (Voluntary Aided) School and Heathcoat Primary School agreed to form a federation, The Federation of Tiverton Schools. The federation governing board is consulting on a proposal from Devon County Council that Tiverton High School should leave the federation, whilst the two primary schools continue to work together.

Rackenford and Heathcoat Primary Schools would both remain in the federation, under the current governing board. A temporary governing board would be established by the Local Authority for Tiverton High School. The federation governing board has set up a consultation process and would like to seek your views.

The proposed date for Tiverton High School to leave the federation would be 27 January 2025.

Following the consultation the governing board will meet to consider the responses to the consultation and make a final decision.

There will be no change or impact upon your child's education. These proposals are about the school's governance arrangements, and learning in the classroom will continue as it does currently. The primary schools and secondary school will continue to collaborate, including for transition from Year 6 into Year 7, as they have always done.

The staff currently employed at Rackenford Primary School and Heathcoat Primary School will see no changes to their employment. Those staff currently employed at Tiverton High School will see no change of terms and conditions but will have a change of employer to the new governing board.

The consultation process

The governors have set up a consultation process to seek the views of parents, staff, the community, the local authority, the Diocese and other key partners. The consultation will run from 9 December 2024 to 10 January 2025. Governors would welcome your views and comments.

Written responses should be addressed to 'The Chair of Governors' and must be received by 3.00pm on 10 January 2025. A box for written responses will be provided in each school. You can also share your comments via email to:
federationconsultation@tiverton.devon.sch.uk

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It is the federation governors who will make the final decision, drawing upon a broad evidence base including the views of parents, staff, the Diocese, the Local Authority and the community. As with any governing board decision this is a simple majority taken at a meeting of the full governing body.

This consultation is not linked to any consultation to become an academy, which is a separate process. We await the publication of the Ofsted report on THS before making any further announcements about that.

We look forward to hearing from you and will, of course, keep you fully informed regarding our final decision in January.

Yours faithfully



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