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Our ref:

Dear Cheryl

Thank you for consulting the Local Authority on the proposal for Redhills (Academy) Primary School to become a Church of England Academy School.

In considering the change to the designation, the Local Authority notes this proposal is developing an existing partnership with the Church to provide an inclusive and nurturing environment that Church of England schools provide regardless of religious faith. It is also recognised that the school will benefit from the expertise provided by the Diocesan Board of Education and that there will be no change to the school's admissions policy.

The results of the consultation, including any responses from parents, carers and the local community, will evidence demand for a faith academy and will be submitted to the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) as part of the Business Plan for their decision.

On the basis that Redhills Primary School will become the only primary Church of England School west of the Exe, and therefore will increase the diversity of provision, Devon County Council does not object to the proposal.

If you require any further information, please contact Simon Niles  
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Yours sincerely



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