

The Future Pattern of Primary Education in Efford

The future for primary education in Efford was discussed at a high-level meeting held at Windsor House today between the Heads and Chairs of Governors of the Highfield and Plym View Primary Schools, the three Efford Ward Councillors and the Director for Children's Services and her senior staff.

The meeting *agreed* that, to further improve the quality of teaching and learning both for the children and for the local community:

- the City Council would support the building of a brand new, state-of-the-art, extended primary school for and at the heart of Efford through the merger of the two existing schools;
- further consultation with the local community and all other interested parties would be essential in bringing the project to a successful conclusion;
- that the two schools and Council officers would from now on work closely together and with others to plan the project, including:
 - the timing of the major milestones along the route;
 - the location, design and ethos of the new school;
 - the minimisation of disruption during the transition;
 - securing the necessary funding;

so as to maximise the benefits for the children and the local community and create a learning environment of which the people of Efford and the wider Plymouth community will be proud.