



Cotford St Luke Primary School

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Consultation letter

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community,

Please forgive the written communication at what I know is an incredibly busy time. I wanted to share that Cotford St Luke Primary School has formally begun the application process to redesignate as an Academy and join Richard Huish Trust.

Currently, Richard Huish Trust works with Richard Huish College, five primaries and one secondary school. This most recent development will provide a fantastic opportunity to further progress the benefits of a values based 'all-through' education provision. It will also considerably help the school in meeting the ever-changing demands of delivering high quality education in our setting.

An important part of the conversion process is to consult with stakeholders about this change. We have enclosed information about this change and the consultation which can also be found at the following link [Key Information | Cotford St Luke Primary School](#)

If you would like any more information or would like to discuss the proposed change, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

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The Future of Cotford St Luke Primary School

This document is the formal public consultation produced by Cotford St Luke Primary School on its proposal to dissolve the Governing Body and to convert to an Academy which will join the Richard Huish Trust.

Background

Richard Huish College established the Richard Huish Trust in 2014. It is composed of five primary schools - West Buckland, Nerrols, North Curry C of E, North Town and Lyngford Park, Pyrland Secondary School and Richard Huish College. Richard Huish Trust has a growing reputation for its primary expertise, and this, combined with its well-established backroom support services, has led Cotford St Luke's governors to decide that the school and its children will be better placed as an academy, working alongside likeminded Somerset Schools.

Becoming an Academy

To confirm and for clarity, there will be no change in the character or ethos of the School and the name of the School will remain as Cotford St Luke Primary School. Academy status puts the School under the aegis of the Southwest Regional Director rather than Somerset Council.

Building on the success of the School and having considered a number of alternatives, Cotford St Luke Primary School and Richard Huish Directors believe unanimously that this step will help Cotford St Luke Primary School to deliver further improvements for the benefit of the children and will continue to allow the school and its children to thrive.

The Huish Vision and Values, that have underpinned the success of Huish, are closely aligned to that of Cotford St Luke Primary School and helped to convince us that this was the right decision. It would be the intention to further champion and develop this alignment through:

- working collaboratively to share best Primary educational practice across schools,
- shared resources, expertise and training,
- driving economies of scale and best value,
- work collaboratively with likeminded and similar schools to overcome the ever-changing demands of delivering high quality education for all.

A key benefit will be to provide children with access to greater resources which will ultimately benefit their educational experience.

Calendar of events

3 October 2025	Public Consultation Commences
21 November 2025	Public Consultation Closes
December 2025	Application to Academise submitted to Regional Director
February 2026	Approval to Academise gained

September 2026	Formal assimilation of Cotford St Luke Primary School into the Richard Huish Trust.
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Responding to the Consultation

You can comment on these proposals by emailing cslconsultation@huish.education or by writing to the Head Teacher or Clerk to the Governors at:

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