## Old School House

## END OF AN ERA

The School House continued to be the home of the headteachers of the school until 1979, when as it was no longer needed for accommodation it became part of the school itself. The downstairs rooms became a library / assembly room and a music / small group room, with storage upstairs. There was a staff toilet at the back. A block shed for PE storage was added on the end of the building.

## **50 YEARS OF CHANGE TO MEET NEEDS**

In 1952 the kitchen was added on. The playgroup (later pre-school at one time met in one of the upstairs rooms and at another time in the downstairs ones. This situation was improved when a new room was built incorporating the toilet, the shed and extending outwards giving the playgroup their own designated area, with new staff toilet being built upstairs above the library. The library was improved in 2002 to make it more fit for purpose and work including the exposing of the old stone fireplace in that room. The following year the office was moved from what had once been the coal house at the rear of the main school building to the School House. Shelves for storage were built in the room above the library and another upstairs room became the staff room.

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## **CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST**

The school converted to be an Academy as part of Chulmleigh Academy Trust in 2011. The School House was in need of urgent repair. Through DfE funding secured by the Trust it was possible to refurbish and conserve the School House Extensive work was undertaken, internal floors and ceilings had to be removed ad rebuilt, and the restored School House officially reopened on 3rd June 2016.



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