

Consultation on the proposal for a new Resourced Provision for pupils with Autism spectrum condition (ASC) at Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School, from September 2026

Hamble Primary School, The Hamble School and Hampshire County Council would like to hear your views on the proposal to establish autism Resourced Provisions for up to 12 pupils at Hamble Primary School and for up to 15 pupils at The Hamble School, opening in phases from September 2026.

Autism is a lifelong condition that affects how people learn, communicate, and interact with others. The school already supports a number of children with autism and having this provision will enhance the in-house support available across the school. It has been identified that there are an increasing number of children in the local area who are being diagnosed with autism, and we are therefore working towards expanding our offer of support to these children attend local schools.

The consultation will run from 23 June to 18 July 2025.

Why do you need to develop a Resourced Provision for pupils with Autism (ASC) at the schools?

Hampshire County Council is committed to developing and maintaining provision, where possible, to meet demand. Currently the need to provide school places for pupils with autism in this area of the County is a priority. There has been an increase in pupils with autism needs and there is currently no autism Resourced Provisions in the Hamble area of Eastleigh. Hampshire County Council and senior leadership at Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School are keen to provide this additional provision for pupils and feel this in-house provision will have a benefit for many pupils at the schools.

Why do you need to enlarge the schools?

Hampshire County Council is committed to expanding successful provision where possible to meet demand. There is an increased and growing need to provide specialist support for pupils with autism in Eastleigh. This proposal will provide much needed specialist educational accommodation to meet current and future demand. The proposal will add up to 12 pupils to the current number on roll at Hamble Primary School and 15 for The Hamble School.

Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School are already meeting the needs of pupils with special educational needs and have the sites available and leadership expertise to expand this specialist provision to encompass catering for pupils with autism in a safe and secure environment.

What building works will be taking place?

Hamble Primary School proposes to utilise existing surplus accommodation to become the base for the Resourced Provision, only minor adjustments, safeguarding measures, IT and furniture will be required.

The Hamble School will require additional classroom spaces as a base for the Resourced Provision – it is anticipated this will require a double modular classroom to be installed together with appropriate furniture and IT.

When will the building works start and how will you ensure the health and safety of pupils attending the schools whilst the works are taking place?

It is planned that the building works, to create the facilities at Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School sites, will be complete for September 2026.

Health and safety of children, staff and visitors is paramount. The schools would ensure a detailed health and safety plan is drawn up in advance of any works.

What will be the impact on pupils at Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School?

The pupils who will attend the Resourced Provisions will attend mainstream classes as appropriate to suit their needs and also spend time in the Resourced Provision areas for individual and/or small group support.

The new provision will give the opportunity for Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School to further enhance their inclusion and wellbeing offer to all pupils as this should positively impact pupils across the school and not just those placed in the Resourced Provision. The schools will use the funding, facilities and resources that the Resourced Provision has to benefit both the Resourced Provision pupils and pupils already at the schools. Also, the School can access relevant continuous professional development for staff across the school as well as knowledge being shared by staff within the Resourced Provision across the school.

Will the schools receive additional funding due to the numbers increasing?

Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School will receive additional revenue funding based on the increase in number of pupils on their roll as well as specific funding linked to the Resourced Provision. This will provide the additional staffing and resources required.

What happens after this consultation?

This consultation will run from 23 June to 18 July 2025. Officers will then consider the consultation responses, received in writing, before deciding whether the proposal should continue to the formal publication stage.

If approved, a statutory public notice will be published, setting out the Local Authorities intent to increase the capacity of the school and introduce the new Resourced Provisions. It is anticipated that this will be published in autumn 2025.

After the date of publication, there will be a four-week period in which any representations can be made. After the conclusion of this period, the Local Authority will decide whether to proceed with the proposal. Any final approval could be made in late autumn 2025.

Will I have the opportunity to discuss the proposal and ask questions?

A joint drop-in session where you will be able to discuss both proposals with Hampshire County Council officers will take place on **Monday 7th July 3.30pm – 6pm at The Hamble School.**

If you are unable to email or visit the above website and wish to make a comment, then please email sendcommissioning@hants.gov.uk or write to:

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All comments must be received by 18 July 2025.

How can my views be heard?

We will consider all responses received:

- In person at the drop in date Monday 7th July at The Hamble School 3:30pm – 6pm.
- Via e-mail sendcommissioning@hants.gov.uk
- Via letter

The closing date for responses is 18 July 2025.