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<u>Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School – Proposal for Resourced Provisions for pupils with Autism (ASC)</u>

I am writing to invite your views in respect of a joint proposal between Hampshire County Council, Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School to create new Resourced Provisions (RPs) for up to 12 pupils with autism at Hamble Primary School and for up to 15 pupils with autism at The Hamble School, both opening in phases from September 2026.

Autism is a lifelong condition that affects how people learn, communicate, and interact with others. The schools already support a number of children with autism and having this provision will enhance the in-house support available across the schools. 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 to attend local schools.

The pupils who would attend the Resourced Provisions would generally be from the local area. They would have Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and have needs meaning that they currently find it difficult to manage full-time within a mainstream school environment, however, have the ability to attend some lessons and work towards examinations. When places in the Resourced Provision are agreed by the special educational needs (SEN) Service, the children would go on roll at either Hamble Primary School or The Hamble School and the schools would receive additional resources to ensure that the children's needs are well supported so that they can successfully access the mainstream environment and curriculum.

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.

The governing bodies of both schools are fully supportive and the Headteachers will work closely with Hampshire County Council to ensure all pupils benefit regarding this joint project.

The Consultation

The purpose of this consultation is to ask for your views and consult on the development of new Resourced Provisions for pupils with autism at Hamble Primary School and The Hamble School from September 2026. It is important to hear your views at this stage so we can consider them as part of the work to be undertaken, should approval be obtained.

The consultation and decision-making process is outlined below:

- This first non-statutory consultation will run from 23 June 2025 to 18 July 2025.
- A report outlining the consultation responses received will then be taken to Executive Member for Education in October 2025 to decide if the proposal should continue to the formal statutory consultation stage.
- If approved, a statutory Public Notice would be published in autumn 2025 setting out Hampshire County Council's intent to increase the capacity of the school. This is a four-week period in which any representations can be made to the local authority.
- A final report would then be taken to Executive Lead Member for Children's Services / Director of Children's Services for final approval in late autumn 2025.

Further Information

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.**

A website has also been set up with the details of the consultation which includes some 'Frequently Asked Questions' that may address any queries you have. To access this website please go to the online address below:

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If you are unable to attend the drop-in and wish to make a comment, then please write to <u>sendcommissioning@hants.gov.uk</u> by 18 July 2025.

Yours sincerely

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