

REPORT OF THE
Executive Member for Education
PART II

1. Additional Specialist Education Provision

- 1.1. Hampshire County Council is committed to ensuring that all children can access high-quality education, as near to their family and local community as possible and there is a statutory duty to provide school places for all children, including those who have SEND.
- 1.2. Hampshire County Council is committed to further developing successful provision to meet this demand within the SEND sector. The proposed additional SEND provision outlined within the report will help manage some of the school place pressures generated by the increase in the number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) maintained by the Local Authority.
- 1.3. As of August 2023, the number of maintained EHCPs was 15,753. By 2030-31, Hampshire expect there to be c28,000 pupils who will have an EHCP. This increased demand has resulted in a corresponding pressure for places in special schools and resourced provision.
- 1.4. The lack of sufficient provision within Hampshire Schools has led to an increase in placements within the independent and non-maintained sector. The proposals contained within the report aim to build on good quality Hampshire school provision and meet the needs of children and young people within their local area. This will reduce the Local Authority's dependence upon independent and non-maintained provision and will aim to keep pupils as close to their home community as possible.
- 1.5. At their decision day on 19 October 2023, the Executive Member for Education approved a consultation on the establishment of a satellite provision for Riverside Community Special School utilising existing accommodation at Mill Hill Primary school from January 2024. A further report will be presented to the Executive Member for Education following the public consultation period.

Further details can be found at the link(s) below:

[Executive Lead Member for Children's Services - 19 October 2023 Decision Day](#)

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