

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	8 June 2022
Title:	Additional Specialist Provision for Hampshire
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That prescribed alteration to Henry Tyndale School, Farnborough, (category of school: Special) to expand from 153 places to 188 places utilising the former Park Childrens Centre, Aldershot, are made with effect from 1 September 2023.
- 1.2. That a prescribed alterations to Norman Gate School, Andover, (category of school: Special) to expand from 93 places to 105 places are made, with effect from 1 September 2022.
- 1.3. That prescribed alterations to Pinewood Infant School, Farnborough, (category of school: community) to expand from 105 places to 113 places are made, with effect from 1 September 2022.
- 1.4. That approval be given to the following proposals: published by Hampshire County Council under Section 19 (1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006: to make a prescribed alterations to Henry Tyndale School, Norman Gate School, and Pinewood Infant School.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to provide school places for all children, including those who have special educational needs and/or a disability. The County Council is committed to further developing successful provision to meet this demand within the Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) sector.
- 2.2. The lack of sufficient provision within Hampshire Schools has resulted in increased placements within the independent and non-maintained sector (INMSS). The proposals aim to build on good quality Hampshire school provision and meet the needs of children and young people within their settings. This will reduce the Local Authority's dependence upon independent

and non-maintained provision (INMSS) and will aim to keep pupils as close to their home community as possible.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To not proceed was rejected as Hampshire County Council need the provision, in line with the increased number of Education Health and Care Plans, and the desire to keep children closer to their homes and out of more expensive Independent and Non-Maintained Special Schools.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: Not applicable.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable.

7. Statement from the decision maker:

7.1. I am pleased to approve the recommendations in the associated report. These additional places will go some way to ensuring children with additional educational requirements can access local high quality school places, that meet their needs and represent value for money when compared to the cost of special school places in the independent and non-maintained sector.

Approved by:	Date:
----- Councillor Roz Chadd Executive Lead Member for Children's Services	8 June 2022