

**REPORT OF THE
Executive Member for Education
PART II**

1. Additional Specialist Provision

1.1. At his Decision Day on 22 January 2025, the Executive Member for Education received a report on Additional Specialist Provision. Following consideration of the proposals the Executive Member agreed to the following increases from September 2025:

- the increase of Resourced Provision places at Bedenham Primary School, Gosport, for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs
- the increase of Resourced Provision places at Holbrook Primary School, Gosport, for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Condition
- the increase of Resourced Provision places at Cherbourg Primary School, Eastleigh, for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs
- the addition of Severe Learning Difficulties and Moderate Learning Difficulties to the specialist designation of Saxon Wood Special School in Basingstoke

1.2. Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to provide school places for all children. The County Council is committed to further developing successful provision to meet this demand within the Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) sector.

1.3. This additional SEND provision 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. As of October 2024, the number of maintained EHCPs was 17,413. By 2030-31, Hampshire is forecast to have c28,000 pupils who will have an EHCP if unmitigated.

1.4. Furthermore, the additional resource aims to build upon established good quality Hampshire specialist provision and meet the needs of children and young people within their local settings. This will reduce the Local Authority's dependence upon special schools and independent and non-maintained provision and will aim to keep pupils as close to the home community as possible and in mainstream environments.

Further details can be found at the link below:

[Executive Member for Education Decision Day – 22 January 2025](#)

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