

Consultation on the proposal for a new Resourced Provision for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs at The Wavell School, from September 2025

The Wavell School and Hampshire County Council would like to hear your views on the proposal to create a Resourced Provision for up to 15 pupils with social, emotional and mental Health (SEMH) needs at The Wavell School opening in phases from September 2025.

Children and young people presenting with social, emotional and mental health needs often struggle to manage their emotions and behaviour and can find it difficult to make and keep relationships. The school already support a number of children with complex needs associated with social, emotional and mental health. It has been identified that there are an increasing number of children in the local area who are being diagnosed with social, emotional and mental health and we are therefore working towards expanding our offer of support to these children attend local schools.

The consultation will run from 14 March 2025 to 11 April 2025.

Why do you need to develop a Resourced Provision for pupils with Social Emotional and Mental Health needs at the school?

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 social, emotional and mental health needs in this area of the County is a priority. There has been an increase in pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs and there is currently no secondary social, emotional and mental health Resourced Provisions in the Rushmoor borough of Hampshire. Hampshire County Council and senior leadership at The Wavell School are keen to provide this additional provision for pupils and feel this will have a benefit for many pupils at the school.

Why do you need to enlarge the school?

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 social, emotional and mental health needs in Rushmoor. This proposal will provide much needed specialist educational accommodation to meet current and future demand. The proposal will add a total of up to 15 to the current number on roll at the school.

The Wavell School is already meeting the needs of pupils with special educational needs and has the site available and leadership expertise to expand this specialist provision to encompass catering for pupils with social, emotional and mental health in a safe and secure environment.

Will this affect the current specific learning difficulty (SpLD) Resourced Provision

The new SEMH RP will not affect and is separate from the current SpLD Resourced Provision. There will be a different set of criteria for pupils to be placed into the SEMH RP and separate revenue funding for this.

What building works will be taking place?

The school proposes to initially utilise existing accommodation, but a new modular building would be added in 2026 to become a base for the new RP. Appropriate IT, furniture and equipment will also be provided. SEN High Needs Provision capital is available to fund these costs.

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

It is planned that the building works, to create the facilities at The Wavell School site, will be complete for September 2026, with majority of works undertaken in the summer school holidays.

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

What will be the impact on pupils at The Wavell School?

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

The new provision will give the opportunity for The Wavell 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 RP. The school will use the funding, facilities and resources that the RP has to benefit both the RP pupils and pupils already at the school. Also, the school can access relevant continuous professional development for staff across the school as well as knowledge being shared by staff within the RP across the school.

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

The Wavell 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 RP. This will provide the additional staffing and resources required. This will be in addition to funding for the SpLD RP funding.

What happens after this consultation?

This consultation will run from 14 March to 11 April 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 RP. It is anticipated that this would be published in May 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 June 2025.

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

A drop-in session where you will be able to discuss the proposal will take place on **Wednesday 26 March between 3:30pm and 6pm at The Wavell School.**

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

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All comments must be received by 11 April 2025.

How can my views be heard?

We will consider all responses received:

- In person at the drop in date Wednesday 26 March 3:30pm – 6pm
- Via e-mail sendcommissioning@hants.gov.uk
- Via letter

The closing date for responses is 11 April 2025.