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Dear Consultee

## Consultation on the Enlargement of Samuel Cody School, Farnborough

Hampshire County Council wishes to consult on the proposal to increase the capacity of Samuel Cody School, Farnborough. The Samuel Cody School currently has capacity for 294 pupils aged 4-16 years and caters for pupils with Moderate Learning Disabilities (MLD), Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (SEMH). This is provided across three separate buildings on the main site.

It is proposed to increase the overall places to 338 (248 in main school and 90 in Cody Oaks SEMH provision) from September 2024. The increase in pupil numbers will be on the main school site for pupils with Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD).

### The Proposal

The area of the main school that caters for primary pupils has unused spare classrooms that can be brought back into use. In addition, it is proposed to move Oak Farm Community Pre-School into the Pavilion building on the site to increase the accommodation for primary pupils. The Pavilion building will also be reconfigured to make a larger pre-school space to allow the preschool to grow and cater for the demand from the local community, it would have its own access and entrance. The total cost of the proposals is estimated to be c£750,000.

### The Consultation

The purpose of this consultation is to seek the view of consultees on the principle of enlarging the school to meet the demand for additional specialist school places in the local area. It is important to hear your views at this stage so we can consider them as part of the detailed work to be undertaken should approval to the enlargement be obtained.

Director of Children's Services  
Stuart Ashley



### **Further Information**

A drop-in session where you will be able to discuss the proposal and see outline plans with the School and Hampshire County Council officers will take place on Thursday 8 February 2024 at 3.30 - 6.30pm at Samuel Cody School in the primary hall.

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. The link is shown above.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/>

If you are unable to attend this session or visit the above website and wish to make a comment then please write to Claire Campling, Assistant SEN Service Manager, Children's Services Department, EII Court North, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG or e-mail [strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk](mailto:strategicplanningunit@hants.gov.uk) by Friday 23 February 2024.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claire Campling', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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