

Applemore is opening a brand-new Resource Provision for ASC as of September of 2025!

Hampshire County Council and Applemore are working together to create a new Resourced Provision (RP) for up to 15 pupils with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC), opening in stages from September 2025.

Autism is a lifelong condition that affects how people learn, communicate, and interact with others. Applemore already supports a number of children with autism and having this provision will enhance the in-house support available.

It has been identified that there are an increasing number of children in the local area who are being diagnosed with autism, therefore a growing need exists to provide specialist support for these pupils. There is currently no other secondary autism Resourced Provision in the Waterside area of the New Forest.

Hampshire County Council and Applemore are keen to provide this additional provision for pupils and are confident it will benefit the wider school community. The brand-new RP will provide much-needed specialist educational accommodation to meet current and future demand.

The pupils who access the Resourced Provision for Autism will attend mainstream classes as appropriate to suit their needs, alongside spending time in the dedicated RP areas for individual and/or small group support.

Although working together as part of Applemore's Learning Support team, the new ASC RP is separate from the existing highly successful Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD) Resourced Provision. There will be a different set of criteria for pupils to be placed into the RP for Autism and separate funding for this.

The pupils who will attend the new RP will generally be from the local area. They will have Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and have needs meaning that they currently find it difficult to manage full-time within a mainstream school environment, however they are able to attend most lessons and work towards examinations.

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When places in the RP are agreed by the special educational needs (SEN) Service, the children will go on roll at Applemore. The school will receive additional resources to ensure that the children's needs are well supported so that they can successfully access the mainstream environment and curriculum.

The new provision will also provide Applemore with the opportunity to enhance our inclusion and wellbeing offer to all pupils. Through the sharing of training, education, and learning resources provided to staff, the RP will aid in improving support provided to across the school.

We look forward to opening!