

## SAMUEL CODY SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE



Hampshire County Council has announced that a multi-million pound Farnborough school expansion that will create an additional 90 spaces will now go ahead.

After recommendations for expansion were approved at a decision meeting on February 24, a specialist unit for children with social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) will be built at the Samuel Cody Sports College in Farnborough, Hampshire, by September 2022.

The expansion, a new two storey teaching accommodation block built on surplus area to the east of the campus, will cater especially for pupils aged 10 to 16 and will increase the school's overall pupil number to 295 (from 205).

The development is being paid for by Hampshire County Council's Capital Programme, with £12.9 million planned to be spent to develop new facilities and increase the capacity at the all-through special school over the next three years.

Hampshire County Council has also agreed to go ahead with the expansion of Icknield School, another special school located in Andover.

Hampshire County Council's executive member for education and skills, Cllr Chadd, said: "We know that these additional place, within specialist school provision, for children with additional needs, are going to be very much needed as our communities grow across the county so I fully support the recommendations to expand both schools in the local authority districts of Rushmoor and Test Valley.

"This is completely in line with our commitment to develop existing successful provision and create new provision to meet demand."