Initiative Overview

Initiative Reference Number	ES015
Initiative Proposer	Neil Obbard
Initiative Title	John O'Gaunt School - Specialist Inclusion Base
Initiative Type	Capital - One Off
Directorate	People - Children's Services
Service	Education
Service Director	Ashley Milum
Portfolio Holder	Heather Codling
Council Priority	2. A Fairer West Berkshire with Opportunities for All
Priority Area Outcome:	
1. Services We Are Proud Of	
2. A Fairer West Berkshire with Opportunities for All	2.9 Good education attainment results, exceeding National levels
3. Tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergency	
4. A Prosperous and Resilient West Berkshire	
5. Thriving Communities with a Strong Local Voice	

Initiative Description	
In one sentence, what are we delivering?	To deliver a new 25 specialist ASD Inclusion Base at John O'Gaunt School, providing local autism provision within a mainstream setting and reducing reliance on out-of-area placements.
Problem Statement	
In one sentence, what problem are we solving?	To address the shortage of local specialist secondary autism provision and reduce reliance on costly out-of-area placements by creating additional SEND capacity within West Berkshire.
Impact	
What will improve if this succeeds?	More children and young people with complex ASD will have their needs met locally, experience improved inclusion and achieve better outcomes, while reducing reliance on out-of-area specialist placements.

Does the Initiative require:	
Internal consultation?	No
Public consultation?	Yes

Does the initiative involve capital spend?	**If Yes - please include the Ward the capital spend will impact**
Yes	Hungerford & Kintbury

Milestone Reviews:	
Review Date	30/07/2026
Service Director Recommended/ Not Recommended	Recommended
Service Director Recommended/ Not Recommended Narrative	
Portfolio Holder Recommended/ Not Recommended	Recommended
Portfolio Holder Recommended/ Not Recommended Narrative	
Recommended/ Not Recommended	**Recommended**