

West Sussex County Council
Supporting Statement for Planning Application for
Replacement of Life Expired Modular Teaching
Accommodation at St Augustine's CE Primary
School, Scaynes Hill
October 2025



West Sussex County Council has a legal statutory duty to provide sufficient primary and secondary school places for all children who need a place. Ensuring that the supply of school places meets demand remains a statutory duty of local authorities.

St Augustine's CE Primary School is a Voluntary Controlled 4-11 105 place Primary School incorporating 4 classrooms. One of the classrooms is accommodated in a life expired modular classroom installed in 1988 which has significant suitability and condition issues due to the age of the buildings. The School's Building Surveyor advised back in 2023 that the Education Service should plan to replace the accommodation within the next 2-3 year period.

Projections indicate that there is continuing need for the pupil places to ensure continued capacity for children of primary age in the village but also within the wider locality.

The feasibility report concluded that the only viable location for replacement of the classroom requires the demolition of the existing 1990s block housing a library; SEN group space and practical area due to difficulties associated with adding to this building and therefore the proposed extension incorporates a classroom; library; SEN group space; hygiene facility and pupil WCs, facilities which the school currently lacks.

This project provides permanent, compliant accommodation to the school in an efficient way. The School Head is happy with the scheme and has been fully engaged with the design development.

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