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## Greenshaw Learning Trust gains approval for new ASD base

The Greenshaw Learning Trust has been given approval by the Department for Education to establish a new provision for secondary age students with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) relating to moderate ASD.

The new ASD base is planned to open in September 2017 and will be co-located with the new secondary school that the Trust has already got approval to open in Sutton – the site for which has yet to be confirmed.

The base will provide 8 places a year, providing specialist support to meet the needs of local children diagnosed with ASD, whilst enabling them to benefit from the facilities and curriculum of the new secondary school.

It will also link with benefit from the experience and expertise of the Trust's existing and popular ASD base for primary age children at Green Wrythe Primary School.

The proposal was drawn up in collaboration with Sutton Council. Whilst it has been designated by the DfE as a Free School and as a distinct Special School, the ASD provision will be run as an SEN base integral to the new secondary school.

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