

COMPLETE PROPOSAL

Warstones Primary School

**CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL**

COMPLETE PROPOSAL FOR PRESCRIBED ALTERATION:

Establishment of a Resource Base for Pupils with Hearing Impairments at Warstones Primary School

Community School and Local Authority Details

School Details: Warstones Primary School, Warstones Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, WV4 4LU

LA Details: City of Wolverhampton Council (Contact: Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RL).

Description of Alteration

The prescribed alteration is that with effect from 1 September 2019, a 12-place resource base for pupils with Hearing Impairments is established at Warstones Primary School.

Evidence of Demand

The establishment of resource base provision at Warstones Primary School would ensure the sufficiency of provision in the City and address the existing demand issue with pupils leaving the City.

In recent years, the number of primary age pupils in Wolverhampton with an Education, Health and Care Plan/Statement identifying a primary need of Hearing Impairment has remained relatively static. However, in July 2018, 17% of primary pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan identifying a primary need of Hearing Impairment were accessing out of city educational provision (source: ONE database, City of Wolverhampton Council).

Objectives (including how the proposal would increase educational standards and parental choice)

The prescribed alteration is proposed to enable Warstones Primary School to offer specialist provision for pupils with SEND. The establishment of resource base provision at Warstones Primary School would ensure the sufficiency of provision in the City, enable a wider range of pupils to benefit from the education and support provided by Warstones Primary School and address the existing demand issue with pupils leaving the City.

In March 2017, Warstones Primary School was judged by Ofsted to be a 'Good' school. Ofsted recognised that, "The Leadership Team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection" (Ofsted 2017).

Ofsted commented that, "Dedicated governors play a pivotal role in supporting and challenging the school. They are champions for the pupils of Warstones and expect nothing less than the best from staff in enabling pupils to meet their needs" (Ofsted 2017).

By establishing specialist provision at Warstones Primary School there would be a broader range of provision available locally and greater opportunity for parental choice to be reflected in placement decisions.

The effect on other schools, academies and educational institutions within the area

The proposed prescribed alteration would introduce additional capacity and greater flexibility into the City's local offer and maximise opportunity for pupils to access appropriate local provision.

Further information regarding the potential impact of the proposals is available within the accompanying SEN Improvement Test at Appendix A.

Project costs and indication of how these will be met, including how long-term value for money will be achieved

To facilitate the proposed changes, capital investment would be required to support the remodelling of existing provision at Warstones Primary School. Council representatives are working closely with school leaders to develop an appropriate capital scheme which fully meets the needs of the pupils. Current proposals include the establishment of a resource base within existing accommodation, an extension to existing Key Stage 2 toilet and cloak facilities and the introduction of additional car parking on the site.

Project costs would be met through a combination of resources from the Department for Education's Special Provision Capital Fund (Central Government has committed capital funding to help local authorities to create new school places and improve existing facilities for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities) and the City's 2019/2020 School Maintenance Budget.

The proposed prescribed alteration is expected to support long-term value for money by reducing the potential need for expensive out of City placements.

Implementation and any Proposed Stages for Implementation

The proposed date for implementation is 1 September 2019.

Consultation Responses: support; objections and comments

Formal Consultation (Representation) commenced on 10 September 2018 and ends on 7 October 2018.

Any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by writing to:

Tom Knott
SEND Commissioning Officer
Education Department, City of Wolverhampton Council
1st Floor, Civic Centre
St Peter's Square
Wolverhampton
WV1 1RL

Or email: SENDTeam@wolverhampton.gov.uk

The closing date for responses is 7 October 2018.

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Appendix A:

SEN IMPROVEMENT TEST

Current Provision

Warstones Primary School is a mainstream community primary school which does not currently house specialist provision for pupils with SEND.

Proposal

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The establishment of resource base provision at Warstones Primary School would ensure the sufficiency of provision in the City, enable a wider range of pupils to benefit from the education and support provided by Warstones Primary School and address the existing demand issue with pupils leaving the City.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS AND THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL

OBJECTIVE	ACTION
<p>Proposals should take account of parental preferences for particular styles of provision or education settings</p>	<p>Pre-publication Consultation commenced on 14 May 2018 and ran until 17 June 2018.</p> <p>A number of supportive comments regarding the proposed prescribed alteration were received from parents during Pre-publication Consultation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “I think a resource base for hearing impaired children at Warstones will enrich the school. I have found it to be a very nurturing school, with a very inclusive approach. I hope that the inclusion of hearing impaired children in the school will enrich the experience of my children currently attending the school, and hope that they will learn deaf awareness as well as some basic signing skills.” • “This facility would fulfil a need in the City and improve overall facilities at Warstones Primary School” • “A good fit making use of both spare space and capable management to offer an important service to the community” • “Any improvements are an advantage to both the school and pupils both present and future incomings.”

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	<p>The school's latest Ofsted report states that, "Most parents hold the school in high regard and believe that teachers are doing a good job. They report that their children are happy and well taught at school. Parents also recognise the influence of leaders and say that they 'are doing an amazing job'." (Ofsted 2017).</p>
<p>Proposals should take account of any relevant local offer for children and young people with SEN and disabilities and the views expressed on it</p>	<p>Wolverhampton's Local Offer of support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs or who are Disabled can be found at:</p> <p>http://win.wolverhampton.gov.uk/kb5/wolverhampton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0</p>
<p>Proposals should offer a range of provision to respond to the needs of individual children and young people</p>	<p>The proposed prescribed alteration would introduce additional capacity and greater flexibility into the City's local offer and maximise opportunity for pupils to access appropriate local provision.</p> <p>By establishing specialist provision at Warstones Primary School there would be a broader range of provision available locally and greater opportunity for parental choice to be reflected in placement decisions.</p>
<p>Proposals should take full account of educational considerations, in particular the need to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum, within a learning environment where children can be healthy and stay safe</p>	<p>Warstones Primary School has been judged to be 'Good' by Ofsted since January 2013 and maintained its 'Good' judgement during the school's short inspection in March 2017.</p> <p>The school's latest Ofsted report states that, "Pupils enjoying coming to school and benefit from the interesting curriculum" (Ofsted 2017).</p> <p>Ofsted also report that, "You ensure that keeping pupils safe from harm is a top priority for everyone in school" and that, "Pupils have a very good knowledge of how to keep safe." (Ofsted 2017).</p> <p>To facilitate the proposed changes, capital investment would be required to support the remodelling of existing provision at Warstones Primary School. Council representatives are working closely with school leaders to develop an appropriate capital scheme which fully meets the needs of the pupils.</p>

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<p>Proposals should support the LA's strategy for making schools and settings more accessible to disabled children and young people and their scheme for promoting equality of opportunity for disabled people</p>	<p>The proposal aligns to the City of Wolverhampton Council's strategic aspirations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Wolverhampton's school estate is fit for purpose and meets the full range of more complex needs of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities now being placed. • Develop local provision in order to reduce the number of children needing residential and out of area education, health and care services. <p>The City of Wolverhampton Council has recently consulted on its draft Schools Accessibility Strategy; consultation ran from 18 June 2018 to 20 July 2018. The draft Strategy aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum • Improve the physical environment of schools to enable pupils with SEND to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided • Improve the delivery of information to disabled pupils. <p>The proposed change to Warstones Primary School supports these aspirations by maximising the opportunity for pupils to attend high quality local provision.</p>
<p>Proposal should provide access to appropriately trained staff and access to specialist support and advice, so that individual pupils can have the fullest possible opportunities to make progress in their learning and participate in their school and community</p>	<p>Warstones Primary School's latest Ofsted report identifies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "This is a happy place with very diligent staff who do their best to help children enjoy and achieve." • "You have been successful in galvanising your team so that they feel motivated and are effective in their roles." • "...current priorities for improvement are being tackled with rigour" (Ofsted 2017) <p>School leaders and Governors recognise the need to ensure that staff are fully prepared to support pupils in the Resource Base. During Pre-publication Consultation, Governors highlighted the importance of teaching staff and pupils understanding the needs of any additional children to ensure inclusivity.</p>
<p>Proposals should ensure that appropriate full-time education will be</p>	<p>No children would be displaced as a consequence of this proposal.</p>

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