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Why Does Warrington Need An All Through School?

Bruche Academy would be the first All Through School in Warrington. There are over 150 All Through Schools in England which offer an alternative to the transition between separate Primary (up to Year 6) and Secondary aged (Years 7 onwards) education.

Bruche Academy would provide an offer for children in the local area from ages 2 to 16 years.

In 2024, Warrington Borough Council published their annual School Organisation Strategy¹ which they use to forecast provision of school places to children and young people in Warrington and ensure a sufficient supply.

When examining Warrington's local context the strategy notes, that *"The total secondary school population is expected to swell significantly over the next six years, due to large primary school population moving into secondary schools, migration into Warrington and popularity with families living outside the borough. We will work with secondary schools to increase the number of available places across the borough, focusing on the areas where demand is highest."*

In response to this challenge the Council explored options to expand secondary provision in the area. On 9th December 2024 the Council's Cabinet meeting voted to support a plan to expand provision in some secondary schools. This included the creation of a new All Through School on Bruche Primary Academy School's current site and making use of unoccupied council buildings next to the current Primary school.

Warrington Primary Academy Trust was chosen as it is, *"a strong multi-academy trust of eight primary schools which operates in Warrington, Cheshire West and Halton."*² Bruche Primary Academy was rated first in the best performing primary schools in Warrington in 2024; three of WPAT's other 4 Warrington schools were also rated in the top 10.³

The funding of up to £13m for the demolition of unoccupied buildings and construction of the new building for the school has come from central government funds – the Department for Education's basic need grant and Section 106 housing development funding.

The opportunity to provide up to 300 extra places for students in Warrington is exciting and the facilities will benefit the school and the local community.

Our final plans are subject to the findings from the consultation and the obtaining of relevant permissions. We will broadcast our progress view the Bruche Primary Academy School website through 2025 and 2026: <https://bruchepimary.co.uk/about-us/bruche-academy-extension/> If you would like to learn more about our transition to an all-through school, please get in touch via bruche.academy@bakermallett.com we would love to share our vision for the future with you.

¹ <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-05/School%20Organisation%20Strategy.pdf>

² <https://cmis.warrington.gov.uk/cm55/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/8963/Committee/1307/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

³ <https://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/24825129.top-ten-best-primary-schools-warrington-revealed/>