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EXCITING PLANS TO EXTEND OAK WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE UNDERWAY!



WHY IS OAK WOOD PRIMARY EXPANDING?

Warwickshire County Council agreed the expansion plans to the Oak Wood schools to help cope with the growing Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) need across the borough. Nuneaton and Bedworth was identified as an area with high SEND sufficiency demands, which means that there are not enough places locally for the children who need them.

"The provision of additional places at Oak Wood Primary School aims to meet the current under provision in the area, thus reducing travel time and cost to out of area provision, and meet the additional demand that is anticipated as a result of population growth in the borough over the next five years," the county council report states.

Oak Wood Primary School has a sustained track record over the past 14-years of being a good school and offering children with special educational needs an excellent start in life and greater opportunities for their future.

Expanding the capacity of this school will increase the number of SEND children we can support in the Warwickshire area.

WHEN WILL THE WORK TAKE PLACE?

Preparatory work began during the summer holidays; the project is projected to take approximately 12-months.

WHAT DOES THE EXTENSION INCLUDE?

The extension includes:

- 4 additional classrooms
- break-out spaces
- personal care facilities
- additional learning spaces
- fully accessible spaces for children

The specific use of some of the spaces in the extension may be subject to change.

A WORD FROM NEIL WILSON, HEADTEACHER

"I'm delighted to lead the school during one of its most exciting periods. The expansion will not only provide much needed additional special school places for SEND children across Warwickshire, but it will also deliver additional benefit to our existing pupils via: increased curriculum opportunities, more spaces to support regulation/sensory needs and additional immersive learning experiences. This is an incredibly exciting time for Oak Wood Primary and I can't wait to see how it all progresses".