



Gosforth Academy New Build Extension



Client - Newcastle City Council

Sector - Education | Start on Site - January 2020 | Cost £1.5M

Services Delivered

- Project Management
- Design and Build
- Quantity Surveying
- Mechanical & Electrical
- Architectural
- Principal Designer
- Structural

In September 2015, Newcastle City Council expanded 3 Gosforth First Schools to meet the increased need for schools places in the local areas. The larger cohort will leave their first schools and require middle school places in September 2020, however there are insufficient existing middle school places to accommodate this growth in the pupil population.

A new school for 1200 pupils from Year 5 - 11 is proposed at Newcastle Great Park to meet the needs of the non established housing development. The proposed new middle / secondary school will be delivered by the Department for Education under the Government's Free Schools Programme and become part of the Gosforth Group Multi Academy Trust when it opens.

The intended opening date for the school was 2020 and an outline planning application for two schools and 1,200 houses was considered by Planning Committee in December 2018 which was 'minded to grant' subject to the completion of Section 106 agreement with developments. This is imminent.

Given the delays to expected timescales, Aura were appointed by Newcastle City Council to work with Gosforth Group Multi Academy Trust to develop a

contingency option to ensure that places can be provided for those pupils that will be leaving first schools in 2020.

The planning application for the small new build extension for 4 classrooms was approved in December 2019. The additional space will enable Gosforth Group Multi Academy Trust to offer a full curriculum to the increased pupil numbers in 2020. Once the proposed new school is built and operational, there will be sufficient spaces for pupils in this area of the City without the need for the extra places at the Junior Academy. This building will then revert to providing an alternative curriculum centre for the pupils at Gosforth Academy.

Works have started on site in January 2020 with a view to be complete by September 2020.