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Press Release

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## Mrs. Sarah Howells, appointed as new Principal at King's Academy Binfield

**Mrs. Sarah Howells has been appointed after a rigorous recruitment process and will commence her new role in January 2018. However, she will start making links with the local Primary Schools, parents and other key stakeholders including local businesses, community groups and the Local Authority, with immediate effect.**

*“I am absolutely delighted and feel truly privileged to have been appointed as Principal Designate to King’s Academy Binfield. I look forward to working in partnership with the wider Binfield community to develop an outstanding academy at its heart. The building will be magnificent; I aim to ensure all aspects of academy life within the building are magnificent too”,* commented Mrs. Howells.

Trained at Goldsmiths College London, Mrs. Howells started her teaching career in 1987 in a Junior School in Inner London, rapidly gaining promotion to senior teacher post. After spending several years in Southampton as both a Primary and Secondary School Headteacher, in 2008 she moved to Frogmore Community College in Hampshire, a school that over the past 8 years has been transformed in all aspects of its work and outcomes.

In 2014, Mrs. Howells became Interim Headteacher at Cove School in Hampshire at the request of Hampshire Local Authority and in April 2015 became Executive Headteacher at both Frogmore and Cove School, where her leadership was described as ‘exceptional’ in the Ofsted report.

In addition to her extended teaching experience, Mrs. Howells has led seminars and lectures for the RSA, SSAT, Reading University as well as within other schools and has worked with the RSA as a consultant for their ‘Opening Minds’ academy in Dudley.

From now until September 2018, when King’s Academy Binfield is expected to open its doors, Mrs Howells will be holding meetings with Primary Headteachers, parents and pupils. She will also be recruiting, training and inducting high calibre staff and will be working on all aspects of the curriculum, the assessment procedures and the key policies of the school.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet the new Principal on the following dates:

- Wed June 7th 7.00pm Binfield Primary School
- Mon 12th June 6.30pm Meadowvale Primary School
- Mon 19th June 7.30pm Warfield Primary School ( All Saints site )

*“Having led both Primary and Secondary schools, Sarah brings a wealth of experience to Bracknell Forest’s first all through academy. I am delighted that she has been chosen to lead our new flagship academy in Binfield”,* said Mr. Richard Schofield, Chief Executive Officer of King’s Group Academies.

King’s Group Academies (KGA) was appointed sponsor of the new Binfield Learning Village by the Secretary of State for Education in June 2016. The Multi-Academy Trust was chosen for its extensive

expertise in Secondary and Primary education and its distinctive global approach, which aims to expand pupils' horizons and allow them to connect with over 4,300 students and specialised teachers from all over the world.

The construction works for the school, at the heart of the Blue Mountain development, began in September 2016 and are now well advanced, and the school is on track to open with its first intake of Year 7 pupils in September 2018. Eventually, the new Binfield Learning Village will have capacity for up to 1,851 students.

“We are looking forward to providing high quality education that delivers the best possible outcomes for our young people, as well as contributing to the wider community. Given her experience, knowledge and, more importantly, her fervent commitment, I am certain that Mrs. Howells will perfectly fulfil our aims”, added Sir Roger Fry Chairman of King’s Group.

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