

## **New schools update**

### **Eden Girls School**

This secondary Muslim faith school girls school has gone out to consultation to increase their PAN from 100 to 120 from 2016 (see consultation report) and has made significant changes in the oversubscription criteria.

### **Seva School**

The site and school building arrangements for Seva School which opened in September 2014 are still a “work in progress”. A new planning application is currently pending for the school to move to premises on the Walsgrave Business Park for the start of the 2015/16 academic year. They will be transferring their current primary pupils and will be taking in an additional 100 pupils in Reception, 150 in Year 7 and 100 in Year 8. This will take place within the co-ordinated scheme arrangements for the city.

### **Sidney Stringer Primary Academy**

This new primary free school was approved in June 2014 and will offer 60 places in reception from September 2015. They are not participating in the co-ordinated scheme which means that applicants will be able to apply direct to the school until 5 March 2015 and they will make offers on 16 April 2015. This will mean that up to 60 pupils who will be offered places by the local authority on 16 April will receive a second offer from Sidney Stringer primary school. They are liaising closely with the local authority to ensure that other schools will be aware of which pupils will be receiving double offers. The pre-opening consultation has recently taken place. Following this the DfE will make a decision about final approval of the funding agreement for the school. Once the school funding agreement is signed both the school and the local authority will be requesting that parents make a choice and release places for other children who may be on school waiting lists.

### **Finham Park 2**

This new free school was approved on 30 September 2014 for opening in September 2015 as a secondary school with 120 places in Year 7. No permanent site has yet been confirmed but it is expected to be in the South West section of Coventry bordered by the A45, Kenilworth Road, up to the boundary with Solihull. I understand from recent discussions with the Education Funding Agency that they are pursuing a proposal for the school to open on Finham Park School's existing site in September 2015 on a temporary basis.

The school is oversubscribed which means that 120 pupils who will be offered places by the local authority on 2 March will receive a second offer from Finham Park 2. As with Sidney Stringer primary the pre-opening consultation process has recently closed and we will await further information regarding the signing of a funding agreement for the school.

### **Sue Heawood**