

## **Department for Education signs Hoe Valley School's Funding Agreement**

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Hoe Valley School today announced that it has entered into a funding agreement with the Department for Education. The agreement, which is a requirement for all Academies, confirms the Government's funding of the school alongside the obligations of the Academy Trust. Chair of the Board of Governors, Lynne O'Reilly explained further: "The signing of our funding agreement marks another huge step for the school. Since being approved to open in June last year, Directors and staff have been working hard to put in place detailed plans for how the school will run.

"The DfE has analysed these plans, covering the governance of the school, the education plan, full financial plans and also a detailed assessment of the school's planned premises. All of these have been approved and signed off. With our funding agreement in place, parents will be able to accept places at Hoe Valley School with assurance that the school will open as planned. Offer letters have been sent out this week to successful applicants to the school, which is oversubscribed."

The team at Hoe Valley recently announced their site for the first 2 years, based at Woking Park. Ms O'Reilly further explained that the signing of the funding agreement means that the DfE is satisfied with the progress and plans in place - both for the opening site as well as the planned permanent site, which will be announced in the coming days. The school has also launched their school uniform, which was designed in consultation with a number of Hoe Valley's first students at a workshop with the Head Teacher, Ms Alford.

Hoe Valley School is offering 120 places to year 7 applicants to start this September. An event is being run for interested parents to learn more about the school and will be held in the Scout Hall of the Hoe Valley Community Centre next to Woking Leisure Centre on 11th March. Details are available on the website at [www.hoevalleyschool.org/open-evenings](http://www.hoevalleyschool.org/open-evenings). As the school is oversubscribed, the school has established a waiting list and parents are still able to apply for a place.

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