



Tuesday 31 October 2017

Dear parents,

As you may be aware, in the 14 months since it joined the Ark network, our school has formed close working links with Ark Paddington Green Primary Academy, where I have been Executive Principal. This partnership has proven to be very beneficial to both schools and we now feel that the time is right to take this collaboration even further. We also see an opportunity to improve the impact we are having as a school and improve the quality of the education we offer.

With this goal in mind, I am writing to you to let you know that we are proposing to bring King Solomon Academy and Ark Paddington Green Primary Academy together, to create one combined and expanded school located across two sites.

Students at both schools have made exceptional progress in the last year and we believe that there are exciting opportunities to continue these improvements within a cohesive, all-through approach. We believe, that long-term, all the students we serve will experience an even more excellent education than they already do at present.

As part of these plans, we will improve the buildings and outdoor space at both locations with significant capital investment. Combining the two schools will mean that Nursery to Year 4 students will be taught at the current Paddington Green site and then they will progress on to Year 5 and beyond at the King Solomon site. Creating a single, larger school will enable us to provide high quality facilities for every age group, making best use of the space and buildings across the two sites. The younger children will benefit from specialist accommodation and significantly improved outdoor facilities and playgrounds at their site; at the current King Solomon site, the proposal will enable an increase in secondary intake, and provide a separate and high quality 6<sup>th</sup> form space. This will result in a broader and better curriculum for all our students.

The governing bodies at both Ark Paddington Green Primary and King Solomon academies – in partnership with Westminster Council (who will fund the building works) – have agreed with the proposals to combine the schools. If the proposals go ahead as planned, the schools will join together in September 2019, forming a combined all-through King Solomon Academy with three forms of entry in year groups Nursery through to Year 7, and eventually, as the existing students grow older, all the way through to Year 13. To reassure parents, the proposal would not change the admissions status of any King Solomon student (and of any of their siblings); they will retain their all-through place in King Solomon Academy in the same way as they do now.

I am sure you will have questions and comments about the proposal. We will be hosting an information coffee morning on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 8.45am – 10.15am** and a similar afternoon session also on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 4.30pm – 6.00pm**. Please come along to learn more and to ask any questions you may have. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the school.

We will also be arranging open events at both sites to allow each community of parents the chance to visit the other site, see the facilities, and provide further feedback on the proposals. The Open Morning for current King Solomon Academy parents to understand the new site will take place at Ark Paddington Green Primary Academy at **8.45am-10.15am on**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.** The visit will include a tour and an opportunity to share feedback about the proposals. Please come to the main entrance on Crompton Street, London W2 1ND, which is a short walk from King Solomon Academy.

We want your feedback on the proposals, including how to develop them to make sure we end up with the best possible education for all our students now and in the future.

I am very proud of what we have achieved at both schools and truly believe that joining King Solomon and Ark Paddington Green together is in the best educational interests of students at both schools. My sincere thanks to all of you for your ongoing contributions and support and I look forward to hearing from you at information events.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Max Haimendorf', with a small flourish at the end.

Max Haimendorf  
Principal King Solomon Academy  
Executive Principal, Ark Paddington Green Primary Academy