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THE HOLLINS

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Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the Local Governing Body of The Hollins, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our school. The Hollins is an over-subscribed, successful, and popular school and we pride ourselves on the fact that the school is very much pupil centred and offers a curriculum to suit the needs of everyone. We are extremely proud of our pupils and the culture we have built.

The Hollins has been through some considerable changes over the last few years and more recently formed a part of the LET Education Trust, which will bring more exciting opportunities, we have a very strong and experienced leadership team in the school which is headed up by Mrs Haydock who works tirelessly to support the development and continuous improvement of the school.

As a governing body we have a strategic role in the management of the school and we hold the school to account whilst being supportive, challenging and collaborative, we take our responsibilities seriously and this was recognised in our last Ofsted inspection. We all come from different backgrounds and have a wide range of transferable skills which we use effectively to ensure that the school continues to succeed. Meetings are always well attended and we offer a number of training sessions for governors both in-house and through the authority to equip us with the skills we need to carry out our duties and to develop ourselves. I can confidently say that we are all committed to the school and we work together as a team. I am immensely proud of the support and time that all governors give on a voluntary basis.

Alongside our 7 core values, we also have our vision, self-evaluation and our school improvement plan all which work hand in hand. The Hollins also offers pupils a chance to join our LET'S BE programme which is a pupil led social action initiative that empowers and gives pupils the platform to serve their local community, developing them into future leaders and helping them create a movement for positive social change. We also encourage our pupils to participate and gain their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards with the support of our own dedicated staff and in collaboration with other partners.

Our results go from strength to strength and at our Ofsted inspection in December 2017 we received a 'good' judgement. In the current climate there will be many changes and challenges ahead and I can assure you that we will continue to work to grasp the opportunities and ensure that our pupils receive a balanced education which enables them to leave The Hollins as mature, well-grounded, and confident young adults.

We at The Hollins do our very best for our pupils to ensure they have a positive experience and build great foundations for their futures.

Yours faithfully, Javed Younis Chair of Governors

