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16th December, 2020

Dear Candidate,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Parish Priest of St Margaret Mary Church in Birmingham and Chair of Governors to St Margaret Mary School.

Our parish began its existence in 1926 and the building we see today was completed in 1937. The school was established in 1961. When people come to visit they will see a very compact site comprising the school, church and presbytery that has seen huge change over the decades, most notably the building of a new suite of four classrooms on the south side of the school, which was opened by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, on 29 November, 2018. In this pandemic year further work has been completed involving the provision of new playgrounds to enable us to be Covid-secure.

The school was inspected by Ofsted in March, 2020, just before lockdown occurred. The link to the report is below: <u>https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/103453</u> The result was 'good', which certainly reflects all the hard work put in by all the staff, who work as an effective team. Of course, you cannot have an effective team without good leadership, and we have been blessed here to have Michael Aldred as Headteacher for the past 13 years. The excellent reputation of the school in the local community - and beyond - means that the school roll stands at nearly 400 and we are in a very confident and stable position.

We are not complacent and we treasure what has been established here. The provision of high-quality education is a constant battle. We are looking for a strong, practising Roman Catholic who has a heart for leading this school. We want somebody who is an effective practitioner, as well as an inspiration to staff and pupils and who has a vision for the strategic development of the school. We want a Head who is driven not simply to achieve high standards, but uphold gospel values, as reflected in the Archdiocese pupil profile, so that our children go into the world grateful, discerning, compassionate and curious, to name a few.



I do invite you to study and reflect on the documentation available in this pack and elsewhere on the school website. Informal visits to our school are welcomed and encouraged during the week beginning 29th March. Please phone Mrs Coney, Clerk to the Governors on 0121 464 6355. Please send all relevant documentation to enquiry@stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk

For an application pack, please visit our school website <u>http://www.stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk</u> and return to <u>enquiry@stmgtmry.bham.sch.uk</u>

Yours sincerely,

Fr Simon Ellis



