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Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the 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 student centred and offers a curriculum to suit the needs of everyone. We are extremely proud of our students and visitors to the school always comment on how polite and friendly our students are and what a welcoming atmosphere the school has.

The Hollins has been through some considerable changes over the last few years and I am happy to say that the school continues to succeed under the strong leadership of Mr Steve Campbell and the senior leadership team. We have an excellent staff in both teaching and support and they are always willing to take on challenges and go "that extra mile" to ensure that students achieve both academically and through extra-curricular and extended activities. Last year saw students gain their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards with the support of our own dedicated staff and in collaboration with other partners.

As a Governing Body we hold the school to account whilst being both supportive and challenging to the leadership team, 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.

Our results go from strength to strength and at our Ofsted inspection in December 2017 we received a 'good' judgement. In June 2017 we were delighted to be designated as a National Teaching School and hope that this will further enhance the quality of our provision. In the current economic and political 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 students receive a balanced education which enables them to leave The Hollins as mature, well-grounded and confident young adults.

Mrs Jane Downham
(Chair of Governors)