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Dear Candidate

Thank you for taking the time to explore the opportunity to lead Priory Primary School.

As Chair of Governors, I want to speak to you directly and honestly about our school and the kind of Headteacher we hope to appoint. Priory is a small school with a big heart. It sits at the centre of a richly diverse community. That diversity is not an abstract value for us, it shapes our conversations, our decisions, and our expectations every day.

Our children are curious, warm, and proud of their school. They benefit from staff who know them well and care deeply about their learning and wellbeing. The next Headteacher will inherit a committed team who work hard, support one another, and want to do the very best for every pupil they serve. What Priory needs is clear, thoughtful leadership from someone who is present, listens carefully, and is prepared to make principled decisions when it matters.

From a governing body perspective, we are not looking for perfection, but for authenticity, judgement and courage. We value a Headteacher who is reflective, who understands the realities of school leadership, and who can balance ambition with humanity. We want to work in genuine partnership with our Headteacher; offering support, asking the right questions, and holding the long-term interests of the school at the centre of our work together.

There is much to be proud of at Priory, and real opportunity to shape what comes next for the successful candidate. I strongly encourage you to visit us if you can. Priory is best understood by walking the school, meeting our pupils, and getting a feel for the culture.

If you have the skills, resilience, and vision to lead our school, we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours,

Carolyn E Stebbings, Chair of Governors, Priory Primary School, Bedford