



## DE LA SALLE SCHOOL

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### CHAIR OF TRUSTEES MESSAGE

St John Baptist de La Salle, the Patron Saint of all Teachers, was always concerned that “the school runs well.” He reminded his Brothers and teachers that their purpose was to “offer a human and Christian education to the poor.” This is still the purpose of the Lasallian School today, embracing students of all cultures and faiths so that they can fulfil their potential and take their place in society. De La Salle established schools which were well-organised, regulated and directed, and which were regularly inspected to evaluate the nature of the school community, the quality of the teaching and to ensure that good practice was shared. This was the origin of “the Conduct of the Christian Schools,” the handbook devised by De La Salle and his early teachers, which became the key teaching manual in French primary education for over two centuries. De La Salle ensured that his teachers were properly trained and ensured that the Catholic ethos of his schools was promoted through the inspiration he offered through his many writings, especially his Meditations for teachers.

In accepting the invitation to be considered as a Headteacher of De La Salle School today, you will envisage accepting these same responsibilities to make sure that this “school runs well”. Not only on behalf of parents and their children, society or the Government but also, from a Lasallian perspective, as a co-operator with God in enabling each young person to learn to “live life to the full”. You will have a crucial role to play in leading and inspiring this De La Salle

School community through the appointments and decisions you make, consistent with the Lasallian ethos, which inspires it, through your attention to the relevance of educational provision, and through your regular evaluations of all other aspects of school life.

**Brother Laurence**

Provincial of Great Britain, Malta & Ireland