John Ismay,

 Chair of Governors,

 St. Bernadettes Catholic Primary School,

 Bispham

 BLACKPOOL

 14th June 2018

Dear Prospective Candidate,

**VACANCY FOR HEADTEACHER – ST BERNADETTE’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Firstly, may I thank you for taking the time to consider the application for the full-time post as Headteacher at St. Bernadette’s school in Bispham. I have had the privilege of serving as Chair of Governors for only a short period, but I am very proud to be associated with the pupils and staff who work so hard to engender our Catholic faith in an atmosphere of love and keenness radiated by all involved.

The school is very closely associated with St. Bernadette’s parish here in Bispham and the links with the Parish Priest, Fr. Peter Clarke, and parishioners is very special.

Bispham is located to the very northern edge of Blackpool, next to the borough of Thornton-Cleveleys and is still known as Bispham village by residents and retains that local spirit in the community. The school is seen as an integral part of that community and we enjoy a good level of support from both Catholic and non-Catholic families in the area.

As governors at the school, we aim to support the staff in their endeavours to educate our pupils in the Catholic faith. Our aim is always to broaden the knowledge and experiences of childhood in a safe, warm and friendly atmosphere. We remain mindful of our obligations with regard to the church and the demands of state education and look forward to supporting our new Headteacher in the future.

Should you decide to pursue your enquiry into the vacancy, please don’t hestitate to visit and experience the strong Catholic identity, the pursuit of academic excellence and a fine welcoming cup of tea (or coffee if you prefer) here at St Bernadette’s.

Best wishes and good fortune for the future,

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