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*"If we live by truth and in love, we shall grow in Christ"*



Diocese of  
Westminster

2/5/2024

Dear Applicant

On behalf of the governing body, staff, children, and parents, I would like to thank you for expressing an interest in the position of Head Teacher at St Dominic School.

St Dominic is situated in Harpenden in the Hertfordshire countryside, but only about 30 minutes by train from London, and close to both the M1 and A1. The school is situated near to the town centre, but on the edge of Harpenden Common. We have extensive grounds and playing fields, including a woodland area.

The school is served by three parishes - Harpenden, Redbourn and Wheathampstead, with the majority of children residing in Harpenden parish. Each year we are heavily oversubscribed by Catholic applicants. The school is a one form entry primary, with a nursery class in the mornings

We have a very supportive and engaged community of stakeholders, including strong links with the parishes, and our two parish priests are regular participants in the life of the school. The strong catholic ethos permeates every aspect of the school and helps to nurture responsible caring and loving children with a strong moral purpose.

Our Ofsted inspection in November 2023 was graded Outstanding in all areas. We are proud of the school's academic successes, with exemplary results and children making excellent progress each year. However, we are not complacent about these achievements, and the school's challenge is maintaining these high standards.

The Diocese of Westminster has been in consultation with schools for potential academisation, and the Governing Body is currently in advanced negotiations on this matter.

Once again, thank you for your interest in St Dominic School. Please visit our school website at [www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stdominic.herts.sch.uk) for more information about the school.

We would like to encourage all potential applicants to take the opportunity to visit our school on 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Please contact, Mrs B Burke, School Business Manager at [sbm@stdominic.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@stdominic.herts.sch.uk) to arrange a visit or if you have any queries regarding the application process.

Yours faithfully

Michael Gallagher  
Chair of Governors

