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Regarding: Reference for Kate Joicey

I have been working together with Kate Joicey at the Overseas School of Colombo in Sri Lanka for two years. During this time Kate has been the Grade 4 Homeroom Teacher and the Primary School Science Coordinator.

For several reasons I would describe Kate as an outstanding teacher. First of all she is very conscious of the learning that is taking place in her classroom, making sure all students are supported, challenged and engaged. Kate is an avid researcher who tries out new strategies always striving to optimize learning for the students in her care. Her classroom is a creative environment where students are active participants in their own learning and feel safe to share their ideas knowing that their points of view are valued.

Kate is well-liked by students, parents and colleagues. She embraces collaboration, seeks feedback and frequently offers support to others. This has been particularly evident in our school's development of the science curriculum. With a background in science Kate has used many of her free periods to plan and co-teach science throughout Primary School. She played a vital role in the development of the Science scope and sequence and has this year taken on the role as the Primary School Science Coordinator. In this role she has also become part of the Primary Leadership Team. Some of the projects Kate has initiated and led include, creating a Maker Space where primary students can develop their hands-on technology skills, weekly challenges where students use technology to collaboratively solve challenges, as well as re-organizing and updating our shared science resources.

Kate is solution driven and has a positive influence on the school culture. When she disagrees with a decision she is able to communicate her thoughts in a diplomatic and professional manner. Furthermore, Kate is well organized and always meets deadlines.

I congratulate any educational institution who is lucky enough to have Kate as part of the team. She will be much missed at The Overseas School of Colombo.

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