



WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

St. Margaret's Church of England Academy

Academy is a leading school for boys in Liverpool with approximately 1,000 students, including a Sixth Form, and over 130 staff. They had already been working with Ellis Whittam for some time before their conversion to academy status in October 2012 so were able to benefit from their legal expertise during the transition process.

As well as having access to unlimited employment law and HR support for a fixed fee, which makes budgeting so much easier, St. Margaret's is also protected by insurance to cover the cost of their defence in any tribunals, payouts or settlements. They also enjoy access to a comprehensive suite of online materials and regular bulletins and video tutorials.

Mark D'Arcy, Director of Finance and Business Administration at St. Margaret's, explains: "We take our responsibilities as an employer very seriously. We have set ourselves very high standards and we are determined not to let these slip, particularly in light of our recent transition to academy status. Finding a partner to help us achieve this was a top priority."



"I have recommended Ellis Whittam to a number of schools, both primary and secondary. I don't do this lightly and only when I am confident that I am endorsing a high quality service."

Mark D'Arcy, Director of Business & Finance

Prior to Ellis Whittam's appointment, St. Margaret's only sought advice on a needs basis. However, management felt that with the ever-changing employment law environment and the imminent responsibility of academy status they would benefit from appointing a professional partner who would always be on hand with proactive support.

Mark adds: "The Regional Business Director at Ellis Whittam was very patient and keen to ensure that all our concerns were addressed before we signed on the dotted line."

Ellis Whittam gives every client a named adviser rather than operating on a call centre basis. Mark is therefore able to deal with the same assigned adviser on every occasion, which he believes is crucial to the continuity of a good professional relationship.

Mark concludes: "Choosing Ellis Whittam has proved to be an excellent decision."



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