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To Whom it may Concern,

We are writing this reference letter in support of Natalie Rose Dunham. Natalie taught our son, William, at Eton House International Claymore in Singapore from August to November 2017. We felt Natalie was a very strong teacher who made a highly positive impact on Will's development. Her commitment to the children was very clear in everything that she did.

Creativity and Caring were two traits which stood out in all of the lessons she created for the students. Natalie encouraged the children's imagination and creativity every day – giving them the freedom to speak when something was on their mind and then exploring their ideas further in conversation. Natalie kept records of the children's ideas and helped Will and his classmates make their own story books covering these stories. The books are a precious memory for all the parents. Over the course of the semester, we saw large improvements in Will's communication skills, awareness to the outside world, curiosity, listening skills and self-discipline – in large part due to Natalie's strengths as a teacher.

Natalie also went above and beyond in her communications with parents and in helping to build a stronger community of students, parents and teachers. She was also very helpful in giving us ideas to help further develop Will's development at home. To name a couple of examples where Natalie went above and beyond for us:

- We mentioned to Natalie that Will was having a hard time staying asleep through the night. On her own initiative, she went out and researched techniques and shared a number of articles that helped us get Will to sleep all the way through the night. Her initiatives and continued follow up was outstanding and it showed her genuine concern for the situation.
- Will went through a difficult stage where he couldn't stop saying naughty words. Natalie spent time with us on this and suggested we have Will go into the bathroom to let the bad words out in a safe place. It was a unique strategy, but it really worked. For a couple of days, Will was running into the bathroom every 30 minutes or so, but he eventually got tired of this and his urge to blurt out naughty words reduced dramatically. Even today, when he does feel the need to say something naughty, he asks to go to the bathroom to do it!

My wife and I have no doubt that Natalie played a very important role in Will's development during her time at Eton House. She is definitely one of the strongest teachers we've come across. We highly recommend that you consider Natalie for a position within your school and are happy to provide more information should it be needed.

Thank you,



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