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Expert in sourcing full-time private tutors advises parents on finding a reputable tutor agency

Adam Caller, founder of Tutors International, offers tips about finding the best tutor agency to help parents in search of full-time live-in tutors.

OXFORD, UK, October 08, 2008 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- The process of finding the perfect full-time live-in tutor can be time consuming and stressful for families, leading them to turn to tutor agencies in order to source the right private tutor for their needs. Tutors International founder Adam Caller offers parents his top tips for finding the right tutor agency. For more information, visit www.tutors-international.com or call +44 (0) 1865 435 135.

"As someone who does this every day, I know that finding the right tutor for a family involves many different components," Adam begins. "I think one of the most important tips I can give to parents is to check that the tutor agency is incredibly thorough with regards to background checks. Just running an ECRB is not sufficient, as that only lists those with criminal records. At Tutors International we inspect all original documents, write to and talk to three referees, and employ Kroll to background check each tutor. Only the best tutor agencies are this thorough in order to be certain that the tutor has been properly vetted."

"Another tip for parents is to work with an agency that understands their lifestyle, with personal experience of being live-in tutors for similar families" Adam continued. "Finding the right tutor for a family also involves matching the personality of the child with the right tutor," Adam added. "We do this by making sure that one person meets all the parents, the child and the potential tutors in person. An extensive recruitment and support process ensures we get to know the tutor really well, and we listen to the family carefully. I would urge parents to go to another agency if the one they are currently employing doesn't do this."

"For parents that are overseas, or in the UK as long-term visitors, I heartily recommend that they approach tutor agencies with a proven track record of dealing with international school systems and handling transitions between them. If there is a need to send a tutor overseas, that agency needs to have a thorough understanding of employment law, visa issues and tax implications."

When asked whether he would recommend parents try and find a tutor without an agency, Adam replied, "I personally wouldn't. Employing an agency to source a full-time live-in tutor doesn't just save time and provide the reassurance that background checks are the very best possible. An excellent tutor agency will also be able to identify exactly what a family needs from a tutor and will know whether any expectations they might have are realistic. A good agency will also have a wide network of academic contacts to draw upon and will know how to interpret a CV that is likely to be full of acronyms. However," Adam concludes, "one shouldn't overlook the benefit of having a constant point of contact should any problems arise or circumstances change - we think Tutors International is unique in offering a contractual obligation to our Clients and Tutors to do this."

About Tutors International

Tutors International is a worldwide organisation providing experienced private tutors to work with children of all ages and nationalities. Tutors are available for full-time tutoring positions, for major support and tutoring outside school hours, or for home-schooling.

Tutors International provide tutors in a wide variety of situations from helping students re-take critical exams, helping pupils with the transition of moving between international school systems, and supporting youngsters with AD/HD and dyslexia. They provide a bespoke service to find the right tutor that suits the child's needs and aspirations. If a live-in tutor is required, it is essential that the assigned tutor is the right match for the family and fits in their environment.

Tutors International was founded by Adam Caller who has tutored students of all ages. He has received specialist training in dyslexia and Attention Deficit Disorder and is very sensitive to children's educational difficulties. He has now turned this

expertise to recruiting, training and placing other tutors to help families all over the world.