



SS Mary & Michael Catholic Primary School

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for considering St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Primary, Garstang as the next step on your career path.

Garstang itself is an historic market town situated on the A6 halfway between Lancaster and Preston with easy access to both the M6 and M55. We are on the edge of the Forest of Bowland, (area of outstanding national beauty) and are well situated for both the Lake District and North Yorkshire Moors National Parks. Garstang boasts the title of the "World's First Fairtrade Town" and is vibrant with many local groups catering for all manner of sports, cultural, artistic and social activities.

Our school was recently extended to expand teaching space and has seven classrooms, an assembly hall with a stage and extensive outside space. We currently have a roll of 131 across EYFS, KS1 and KS2. We are served by a privately run breakfast and after school club and there is also an independent nursery linked with the school. Prior to Covid-19, we were delighted to welcome into school a variety of parents and other volunteers who listened to reading, helped with arts and crafts projects or otherwise shared their skills and knowledge.

We value our Parish links greatly and this is very important in driving our community involvement. We also have an active Parent's Association who (usually!) run a variety of social and fundraising events, as well as providing practical support at school events during the year.

Since our 2018 OFSTED visit, we have received significant school improvement input from Lancashire Education Authority. We have made and continue to make improvements in the way the school operates; we now need a robust and decisive leader to take us to the next level. The Governing Body are committed to supporting our new headteacher to deliver excellence in all areas of school life.

There's no doubt this will be a challenging and fulfilling role which will offer many opportunities for the successful candidate to make a real difference in a school which has great potential. Still we can offer a warm, caring and welcoming environment with committed staff, engaged parents, encouraging governors and, most of all, receptive children who want to learn and succeed.

I look forward to receiving your application

Yours sincerely,

Paul McCann
Chair of Governors