



BARROWFORD ST THOMAS C of E Primary School

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Welcome letter

Dear Applicant

Thank you for considering applying for the post of teacher at Barrowford St Thomas CE Primary School. This will be a permanent, full time position.

St Thomas' is a small voluntary aided school, which is in a relatively new building on the outskirts of Barrowford. Currently, 121 pupils are divided into four classes (three of which are mixed-age). We achieve high standards and our children love to learn; this is evident to all who visit us here at St Thomas'. We have a dedicated team of conscientious staff and Governors, hardworking children and supportive parents, which produces a warm, flourishing family community of children and adults.

Our Vision

At Barrowford St Thomas', our vision is that pupils will have a positive experience and understanding of Christianity, developing their own spirituality.

They will feel accepted, loved, valued, respected and secure.

Through a rich and creative curriculum, our pupils will flourish, deepening their knowledge and developing their skills and enthusiasm for life-long learning.

Psalm 92 vs 13-14

'They are like trees planted in the house of the Lord that flourish in the temple of our God, that still bear fruit in old age and are always green and strong.'

Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a school where all can flourish and grow in God's love.

We are seeking to appoint an outstanding and creative classroom teacher to work as part of our enthusiastic, hard-working and highly motivated team. The position will initially involve teaching a mixed Year 3/4 class; however candidates must be willing to teach any age and be capable of teaching up to Year 6.

Although we will not be organising visits to school at this current time (due to the pandemic), our website should give you a flavour of our happy and thriving school. Our headboy and headgirl have also created a virtual tour of our school: <https://www.st-thomas-ce12.lancsngfl.ac.uk/parent-page/virtual-open-day>.

Short-listed candidates only, will be invited to look around the school on Thursday 13th May at 4pm. We will be running two 'Question and Answer' Zoom sessions where you will be given the chance to meet the headteacher and deputy headteacher virtually to find out more about our school. These will be held on Thursday 22nd April at 4pm and Monday 26th April at 4pm. Please contact me by email (head@st-thomas-pri.lancs.sch.uk) if you would like to book onto one of these sessions in order to receive the zoom link.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to teach a lesson in our school (teaching our current Year 3 and 4 mixed aged class) and this is likely to take place during the weeks commencing 17th of May. Following the lesson observations, selected candidates will be taken forward to the formal interview on Friday 21st May.

The interview day will include tasks and a face to face formal interview. If you are short-listed, further information will be provided for you.

We offer:

- a friendly, Christian school where everyone is valued and supported;
- well behaved, positive, enthusiastic children who enjoy learning;
- supportive parents and governors who are keen for the school to thrive;
- a committed and friendly team of dedicated, hard-working and supportive staff;
- a modern building, excellent facilities and spacious, semi-rural grounds;
- opportunities for continued professional development.

We are looking for a candidate who will:

- support the Christian ethos of our school;
- be passionate about achieving the very best for every child;
- have excellent subject knowledge, especially in mathematics and English;
- have a high degree of professionalism in their approach to work;
- be well organised and have the highest expectations of learning, achievement, progress and behaviour;
- be enthusiastic and fully committed to playing an active role in every aspect of school life;
- establish and maintain excellent relationships with children, parents and colleagues.

Key dates:

Question and Answer sessions via Zoom:	Thursday 22nd April at 4pm and Monday 26th April at 4pm.
Closing Date/Time:	Tuesday 4 th May at 12 noon
Shortlisting:	Wednesday 5 th May
Shortlisted candidates looking around school:	Thursday 13 th May at 4pm
Lesson observations (Y3/4 class):	Week beginning Monday 17 th May (times/dates to be decided)
Interview Day (including tasks)	Friday 21 st May

For any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the headteacher (Jo Duckworth) or the school business officer (Gemma Eyre) by email (head@st-thomas-pri.lancs.sch.uk; bursar@st-thomas-pri.lancs.sch.uk; or phone on 01282 614462. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Jo Duckworth
Headteacher