**BARROWFORD ST THOMAS**

**C of E Primary School**

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**Headteacher: Mrs J Duckworth B.Ed (Hons)**

**Deputy Headteacher: Mr O Haines BA (Hons**

**Welcome letter**

Dear Applicant

Thank you for considering applying for the post of temporary part-time KS1 teacher at Barrowford St Thomas CE Primary School. The position is mornings only.

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 mainly involve teaching the Year 1 cohort from our mixed Year 1/2 class; however the successful candidate may, on occasions, be asked to teach the full KS1 class. The successful candidate will mainly teach English and mathematics. We particularly welcome candidates who have experience of teaching the maths mastery approach in KS1 and have a strong understanding of how to teach Year 1 phonics.

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 Monday 28th June at 4pm. Instead, we will be running a ‘Question and Answer’ Zoom session where you will be given the chance to meet the headteacher virtually to find out more about our school. This will be held on Wednesday 9th June at 4pm. Please contact me by email (head@st-thomas-pri.lancs.sch.uk) if you would like to book onto this session in order to receive the zoom link.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to teach a lesson in our school teaching our current Year 1 cohort; this is likely to take place during the week commencing 28th June 2021. Following the lesson observations, selected candidates will be taken forward to the formal interview on Friday 2nd July. 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 session via Zoom: Wednesday 9th June at 4pm.

Closing Date/Time: Tuesday 15th June at 12 noon

Shortlisting: Monday 21st June

Shortlisted candidates looking around school: Monday 28th June at 4pm

Lesson observations (Y3/4 class): Week beginning Monday 28th June (times/dates to be decided)

Interview Day (including tasks) Friday 2nd July

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](mailto: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

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Headteacher