

St. Lawrence Church of England Primary School

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Deputy Headteacher at St Lawrence Church of England Primary School, Barton. I am delighted that you are considering applying to help lead our thriving, caring and friendly school. Our school is located in the heart of Barton village, in the north of Preston. It serves Barton village and its environs, and is supported by the parish of Barton St Lawrence within the Diocese of Blackburn.

We have seven classes and 189 pupils. Our admission number is 25 and we are, therefore, over-subscribed with a waiting list for all classes. We were rated 'Outstanding' in our last Ofsted Inspection in 2010, reflecting the hard work and commitment of the Headteacher and her team. Indeed, a comment from the report speaks that "Pupils thrive in a caring and secure environment which promotes very high attendance". Although the school has grown considerably since the last Inspection visit, the quote is just as relevant today. Visitors often comment on the friendly ethos and team spirit that permeate the school. Similarly, our SIAMS judgement of 'Outstanding' in 2015 reflects upon the "strong Christian commitment and clear vision". Furthermore, our Christian tag line of 'Learning together, rooted in God' is at the heart of everything we endeavour to undertake, and our key values are integrated throughout the school, evident in everything we strive to do.

Our Headteacher, teaching, support and administrative staff are a wonderful team, who work hard to ensure that every child strives to do his or her very best. There are strong links with Barton St Lawrence Church and the families within its parish. A strong and dedicated Board of Governors support the school in all it does, and the Governors are eager to work closely with school staff to help maintain the school's high standards.

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, dedicated and passionate teacher who is committed to supporting the Headteacher, as part of the Leadership Team, whilst working with the staff to continue the school's excellent reputation.

I would like to thank you for your interest in our school and look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully

Charlotte White
Chair of Governors

Learning **TOGETHER**, *Rooted in* **GOD**. John 15:5

