September 2021

Dear Deputy Headteacher Applicant

Thank you for showing an interest in the positon of Deputy Headteacher at Chorley St Peter’s C of E Primary School, which has become available due to the recent promotion of our Deputy Headteacher to the position of Headteacher. We are delighted that you are considering applying for the role in our friendly and hardworking school community.

Our school is a larger than average primary school made up of 334 children aged between 4 and 11 taught across twelve classes and we also manage our own wrap around care. Our school was rated ‘Good’ at our last Ofsted inspection in 2017 where we were praised for our inclusive Christian nature, where all pupils are valued as individuals and where the wellbeing of children and staff is at the core of all we do. Our teaching and support staff are experienced, loyal and committed and have an excellent relationship with both our children and families. All staff want to give each child in our school the opportunity to ‘let their light shine’. The staff are supported by an experienced Governing Board who provide a good balance of challenge, assistance and support.

At St Peter’s we believe that all our children can shine. We strive for every member of our school family to succeed and flourish through our values centred curriculum. We encourage our children to develop their confidence with God’s love to challenge themselves and each other and be inspired to love God and learning, as disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek to realise the potential of each individual in a supportive and caring environment. Our rich and varied curriculum enables our children to develop resilience, celebrate individuality, raise aspirations and expectations. We strive for high academic standards. In partnership with our families and community we provide a wealth of experiences in order to instil valuable life skills and confidence both for today and the children’s future beyond their time at St Peter’s.

We are proud of our strong links to our local church of St Peter’s and our Christian ethos is apparent wherever you are in school, whilst also having regard for other faiths within our community. In November 2019 we were graded ‘Excellent’ in all areas of our SIAMS inspection where it was noted that ‘our Christian vision drives the school’s daily life and strategic development’ and links to our motto of ‘Love, Challenge, Inspire’.

The opportunity to join our school will enable you to work alongside a passionate and highly motivated staff, who in the last 18 months have worked together to adjust to different educational requirements. In particular, the staff have adapted to the demands of continuing learning through online provision. As a result, we have achieved a smooth transition between face to face and on-line learning as and when necessary. Morale has continued to be high and the efforts by staff have been greatly appreciated by our Governors, children and parents.

We are looking to appoint someone who wants to learn, someone who will be flexible, enthusiastic and dedicated. We will be here as a school to support this person in the next part of their journey in their role as one of our leaders within our leadership team.

You will find out lots more about our school via our website. Despite the ongoing pandemic we do hope to be able to offer tours of school to give you the opportunity to see the school in action! Please contact the school office on 01257 262625 to speak to Mrs Brocken to organise a tour. If a tour is not possible due to restrictions, then Mrs Brocken will organise a telephone conversation for yourself with our Headteacher.

Thank you again for your interest in our school and look forward to receiving your application.

May we take this opportunity to wish you every success in the process.

Kind regards

Mrs L Benney Miss R Brown

Chair of Governors Headteacher