



## St. Stephen's C.E. Primary School

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3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the temporary Year 1 vacancy at St Stephen's Church of England VA Primary School for January 2022. This is initially for two terms with a possibility of this becoming a permanent position.

St Stephen's is a one-form entry voluntary aided school comprising of seven classes and a nurture suite called 'The Ark'. It is set in extensive well-maintained grounds overlooking the hills beyond Towneley Park in Burnley.

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and outstanding teacher to join our excellent team.

The successful applicant will be responsible for planning work and teaching a Year 1 class. Experience of effective teaching of phonics and early reading is absolutely crucial for this role along with a wealth of ideas around provision and class organisation. Our school is a lovely place to work and has the Christian values at the heart of all we do. Our mission is to Learn, Grow and Achieve through God's Love. The successful applicant must be committed to supporting the Christian ethos of the school. Our children are a pleasure to teach and thoroughly enjoy coming to school. The whole of the St Stephen's family has embraced our new curriculum and are enjoying the 'launch' days at the start of each unit.

With regards to our facilities, we are very fortunate to be set within extensive, well-maintained grounds, which offer unlimited potential to enhance all of our children's outdoor learning. We are blessed with a forest school, adventure playground, prayer garden, wild flower garden, remembrance wall, a MUGA and a large field. All children are fortunate enough to enjoy time in our forest school



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during their school career. We are currently working on the Quality Awards in Reception and Year 1, the Mentally Healthy Schools Award and the Equality Award.

St Stephen's is an inclusive school. In order to meet the needs of some of our children, St Stephen's has recently had a nurture and pastoral unit built called 'The Ark'. Our newly appointed pastoral team provide a whole range of services, help and guidance to the St Stephen's school community. We have many clubs running and the children enjoy a rich sports curriculum.

We can offer:

- a friendly and supporting team;
- an excellent pastoral team and nurture provision
- a very supportive and effective Governing Board;
- great opportunities for continued professional development;
- excellent facilities;
- hardworking and polite children;
- a Christian family where everyone feels valued;

The successful candidate will:

- strive to achieve the very best for all of our children;
- motivate and inspire all children;
- have a high degree of professionalism;
- have an excellent subject knowledge, particularly in mathematics and English;
- a solid understanding of the principles of effective teaching and learning;
- have the commitment to contribute to all areas of school life including extra-curricular activities;
- have the highest expectations and standards for behaviour;
- have the highest expectations of learning and achievement and progress;
- ensure that our children feel safe and happy;



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-build and maintain excellent relationships with the whole school community;

You can visit our website and watch our virtual tour around school or if you would like to visit the school then please contact the school office. Please don't hesitate to contact the Headteacher with any questions that you may have.

Applications to be returned to the school bursar, Carrie Ford at [bursar@st-stephens-prilancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-stephens-prilancs.sch.uk) by 12 noon on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The shortlisted candidates will be asked to teach a lesson on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November in the morning. More information will be provided nearer the time about this. Interviews will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

We look forward to meeting you if you are successful in your application.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jo Roberts - Headteacher

Mrs John Hughes - Chair of Governors