

**St Catherine’s Catholic Primary Scho­­­ol**

6th December 2021

Dear prospective candidate,

I was appointed as Head teacher of St Catherine’s Catholic Primary School last Easter after having been the Head teacher St Joseph’s Withnell for the previous 8 years.

In October 2020 we appointed a new Deputy Head teacher here at St Catherine’s and as a new leadership team, we are clear about the direction we want to take the school. We want St Catherine’s to reach new heights and for all of our children, regardless of background and preconceived ideas of what they can achieve, to reach their full potential. We are looking for someone to work alongside us in leading all members of our school community on this journey.

St Catherine’s is a proud Catholic School. This post however is not reserved for a Catholic and all suitably qualified teachers can apply.

The teacher is the decisive element in the classroom. A great teacher can not only make a difference to the children in their class, but also to their colleagues and children across the school. We are looking to recruit a teacher who has the courage of their own convictions and can be that decisive person in our school. A person who through their outstanding practice can transform children's outcomes, set a new standard and achieve what nobody before would have felt was possible. Someone who through their daily practice demonstrates the high expectations of all children, someone who will not simply accept that children can’t do something, someone who truly recognises that a great teacher can make all the difference. Someone who, when we look back on the children’s work, we are amazed by the progress that has been made.

We would like to recruit someone to work in upper Key Stage 2. We know that someone working in the upper juniors will gain a perspective of what the children know and can do by the time they arrive in their class. Armed with such knowledge, they will be able work with the headteacher and Deputy headteacher to make informed decisions about what changes may need to be made. The successful candidate does necessarily need experience in upper Key Stage 2 at all. We know that outstanding teachers are adaptable and will be able to teach effectively anywhere in school. In our lesson observations we will however be asking candidates to teach a class from either Year 5 or Year 6 and in doing so show their ambition for all children.

We know that the potential at St Catherine's is huge. We have hardworking, bright children, supportive parents and an ambitious governing body who want to see St Catherine's make a leap forward.

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The post will come with a TLR payment. Each year the post holder will take responsibility for a key part of the school improvement plan and work with colleagues to raise standards across school. We do not require the post holder to have vast experience in leading change across school, we do however want someone who has huge potential. This post would be perfect for an ambitious teacher who would like to dip their toe in senior leadership and have an impact across the school.

What we want, above all else, is a truly exceptional teacher to take our children to a new level. Someone who is ambitious both for themselves and the children in school and in turn would relish the opportunity to lead and inspire others.

If you are interested in this post and you would like to apply, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Lawman

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