Dear Applicant,

Thank you for showing interest in Newton Bluecoat Church of England primary school. Sitting in the village of Newton with Scales and serving the parish of Lund, including Newton, Clifton, and the hamlet of Salwick our school is at the heart of the community. The church, St. John the Evangelist is in a rural location and is situated in the middle of the parish.

The villages of Newton and Clifton are situated on either side of the A583 which is the main Preston to Blackpool road. As with current government policy there are several new housing developments under construction and a major road infrastructure project is underway on the outskirts of Clifton.

Newton Bluecoat currently has 200 pupils and provides a full wrap round service. Our team of teaching and support staff is strong, stable and committed. We have a full- time teacher led nursery, a breakfast and after school club run by the school and support staff whom the children already know and trust.

Our school demonstrates a caring and considerate attitude towards the children. We value each child’s holistic potential and recognise each child as an individual. To encourage this value we provide a broad curriculum including sport, music, chess, knitting and the school team engage the children in many more wide ranging activities. The school is a place for learning, but also a place to have fun and enjoyment, and even a place where a sense of humour is recognised as a vital ingredient in any successful environment. We seek to inspire children to achieve their very best; to have aspirations but also to develop resilience and recognise the importance of well-being in this increasingly challenging world! Every day we strive to fulfil our mission ‘inspiring every child to flourish’ within our caring Christian community.

As a Church of England school, we work closely with the parish church and share an excellent working relationship, we wish to continue and will encourage the new Deputy Headteacher to build on these solid foundations. Some of our governors are on the PCC and we have a relatively new vicar in place, Canon Deborah Larkey.

OFSTED rated the school GOOD in 2022 and our SIAM’s inspection rated the school OUTSTANDING in 2016.

The current Deputy Headteacher will retire at the end of this academic year and we are looking to appoint someone who will continue our drive for excellence and embed our values in their practice. Our new Deputy Head Teacher will find the governors to be supportive, committed, and knowledgeable. We are open to new ideas and understanding of the need for change. We are not afraid to challenge and question but will expect and encourage our new Deputy Headteacher to work alongside the Headteacher in leading the school efficiently and effectively using all available resources, to ensure positive progress and success. Above all we want our new Deputy Headteacher to be happy in their work, secure in the knowledge that the governors share the same vision and priorities, that every child has the opportunity to flourish in every way, every day.

We wish you every success should you choose to apply for this rare opportunity to work in this wonderful school in the most welcoming of parishes.

With best wishes

Tim Walker Chair of Governors