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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Governing Board, staff and children of Pilling St John’s CE Primary School, I would like to thank you for your interest in this vacancy for the post of Headteacher.

Our school underwent an Ofsted inspection in 2022 and a SIAMS inspection in 2017 and was judged to be ‘good’ in each inspection. At the heart of the school is our mission statement:

*‘Growing roots, standing firm in faith and being bold in all we do’.*

As the successful candidate you will be expected to continue the development of the school’s high educational standards and Christian ethos and values.

Pilling St. John’s CE Primary School is located in a beautiful rural setting within Lancashire and is easily accessible from Preston, Lancaster and Blackpool. It is a short distance from J3 of the M55 and J33 of the M6.

We are very proud of our school for several reasons, not least for our many successful achievements. We particularly pride ourselves in the important positive relationships that have developed with and between our children, staff, parents, parish, diocese and the wider community. We are very busy with all that is good and great about our village, school, church and community life! We are looking forward to our new headteacher becoming a keen and supportive advocate for maintaining these excellent relationships to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children and families.

As a whole school, we deliver an exciting curriculum and a varied programme of extra-curricular activities. We continue to develop and embark on our amazing ‘Forest School’ project to build on and enhance our previous ‘green school’ status awards, all of which are an important part of daily life across all year groups. We feel blessed to have a lovely green and spacious outdoor area which perfectly lends itself to our ambition of providing wonderful extended outdoor sensory and spiritual learning experiences for our children.

In 2017, the school was successful in creating bespoke nursery/reception provision for children aged 2, 3 and 4 years. The nursery is proving to be very successful and we are looking to forge working links with a local church based pre-school baby and toddler group.

I hope you feel greatly inspired by what you know so far about our school, and can sense our passion about our continuing journey. If you would like to join us at this exciting time, we sincerely look forward to meeting you.

You are warmly invited to arrange an informal visit to school to see our school for yourself and to meet some of the staff and children. Please contact the school bursar, Ms Fiona Shepherd, on 01253 799282 to arrange a visit. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 20th June 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Gaynor Phillpotts

Chair of Governors