St. Mary’s Catholic Primary School



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*“Living and Learning Together—Shining in our Faith”*

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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Scarisbrick.

The vacancy has arisen as the current postholder leaves the school in December 2023 after a very successful 12 years as Headteacher.

St Mary’s is a very popular school serving the rural area of Scarisbrick. The school has a long history and has recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. It is extremely proud of its history and Catholic nature. The school is now under the trusteeship of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Until recently it had been under the trusteeship of Douai Abbey. The association with Douai and the Benedictines is still very important, the parish church of St Elizabeth’s is adjacent to the school and parish-school links are an important part of school life.

The school, which caters for pupils aged 3-11, is housed in extremely well-maintained modern buildings with an extension having been completed in 2020. A very active and supportive Parent Teacher Association supports the school providing additional resources through successful fundraising. The parent body is very supportive as is the governing body.

St Mary’s is an inclusive school centred around its pupils. Teachers, pupils, support staff, governors and parents all work together in a constructive way to live out the mission statement “Living and Learning together – Shining in our Faith”. It is against this background that all associated with the school are working hard to develop further its curriculum provision supported by the Local Authority and Archdiocese.

I hope the information in the application pack will be of interest to you. Please do visit the school website for further information. Visits to the school in advance of applications being submitted are very much welcome, please contact the school to arrange a convenient time.

I look forward to reading your application which should be received by 12 noon Thursday 14th December 2023. Interviews have been scheduled for Thursday January 11th 2024 and shortlisted candidates will be notified after December 19th 2023.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of Governors