

Application for the Post of Headteacher

Dear Applicant

The Governors and I thank you for the interest you have shown in our school, and the key post of Headteacher. We are very proud of St. John's and the wonderful young people and community it serves. Ours is a dynamic, exciting place of learning where children grow in understanding and faith, acquiring valuable skills, attitudes and values along the way.

The Governing Body is seeking to appoint a committed Catholic who has demonstrated a proven track record of raising and sustaining educational standards and successful implementation of whole school systems, a leader who will build on current good practice, and also bring a fresh perspective. Our school is at an exciting stage in its development as it joins the Blessed Edward Bamber Multi Academy Trust in January 2025. The Person Specification provides a more comprehensive list of the qualities we are looking for, but in essence we wish to appoint somebody with the faith, wisdom, experience, and confidence to carry on taking our school forward.

We currently have a roll of 210 across EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Our faith is an integral part of school life, with regular Mass, liturgies and strong links with the parish community. Our dedicated team of staff work hard to enrich all areas of the curriculum. To name but a few we have recently achieved a silver award geography quality mark, a schools arts mark, were commended with KidSafe beacon school status, won the gold schools games award, and have a dedicated gardening group that won a RHS level three schools award. Extra-curricular activities include eco club, Shakespeare club, big band, dance club and a variety of sports teams. We have an active PTFA who organise a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year, and a small army of valued volunteers support school activities and educational offsite excursions. An outside agency provides breakfast and afterschool care.

The Governing Body are committed to supporting our new headteacher to deliver excellence in all areas of school life. We offer a warm, caring and welcoming environment with committed staff, engaged parents and carers, encouraging governors and, most of all, receptive children who want to learn and succeed.

I warmly encourage you to visit our school to see the pupils and staff at work. Please contact the school office to make an appointment on 01253 883690

The closing date for applications is Thursday 29 February 2024 at 12 o'clock noon. Listing of candidates for interview will take place on Wednesday 6 March 2024 and interviews will be held on Wednesday & Thursday 20 & 21 March 2024.

I would like to thank you again for your interest in the post and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Carol Gregson
Chair of Governors