

# St. Francis' Catholic Primary School & Pre-School



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## Job Description Teacher: Main Pay Scale ECTs are welcome to apply

**Title of post:** Key Stage 1 class teacher (Year 1 and 2 mixed) full time from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

**Accountable to:** In the first instance the Head Teacher and the school Governing Body.

The appointment is with the Governing Body of the School as employer. It is also subject to the current conditions of employment of school teachers, contained in The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and other educational and employment legislation.

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## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Catholic Ethos

To work with the Head Teacher and colleagues in creating, inspiring and embodying the Catholic ethos and culture of our School, securing its Mission Statement with all members of the school community and ensuring an environment for teaching and learning that empowers both staff and children to achieve their highest potential.

In a Catholic School, it is the responsibility of every teacher to assist the Head Teacher in the leadership of a faith community for whom Christ is the model.

- 1. Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils:**
  - Establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect;
  - Set goals that stretch and challenge pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions;
  - Demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of pupils and follow the staff Code of Conduct at all times
  
- 2. Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils:**
  - Be accountable for pupils' attainment, progress and outcomes;
  - Plan teaching to build on pupils' capabilities and prior knowledge;
  - Guide pupils to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs;
  - Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn and how this impacts upon teaching;
  - Encourage pupils to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study.
  
- 3. Demonstrate good subject knowledge and curriculum knowledge:**
  - Have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain pupils' interest in the subject and address misunderstandings;
  - Demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas and promote the value of scholarship;
  - Demonstrate an understanding of, and take responsibility for, promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of Standard English, whatever the teacher's specialist subject;
  - Demonstrate a clear understanding of systematic synthetic phonics;
  - Excellent understanding of teaching early mathematics, demonstrate a clear understanding of appropriate teaching strategies.
  
- 4. Plan and teach well-structured lessons:**
  - teach clearly-structured lessons and sequences of work, which interest and motivate pupils
  - impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of lesson time
  - promote a love of learning and children's intellectual curiosity
  - set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired
  - reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching
  - contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum
  
- 5. Make accurate and productive use of assessment**
  - Know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements;
  - Make use of formative and summative assessment to secure pupils' progress;

- Use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets and plan subsequent lessons;
- Give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking and encourage pupils to respond to the feedback.

## **6. Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment**

- Have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around school, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy;
- Have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a wide range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly;
- Manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils' needs in order to involve and motivate them;
- Maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority and act decisively when necessary.
- To assist in, and be supportive of, the maintenance of fair discipline and good order throughout the school at all times

## **7. Fulfil wider professional responsibilities**

- Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school;
- Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support;
- Take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues;
- Communicate effectively with parents with regard to pupils' achievement and well-being;
- Deploy support staff effectively.
- Contribute to the development of parental and community involvement in the life and work of the school.
- Provide enjoyable opportunities that enrich pupils' experiences.

## **PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher's career.

Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside the school, by:

- Treating pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position;
- Have regard for the need to safeguard pupil's well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions;
- Showing tolerance of, and respect for, the rights of others;

- Not undermining fundamental British values and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs;
- Ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit pupil's vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.

Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach, and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality.

Teachers must have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out their professional duties and responsibilities.

### **Equal opportunities**

We are committed to achieving equal opportunities in the way we deliver services to the community and in our employment arrangements. We expect all employees to understand and promote this policy in their work.

### **Health and safety**

All employees have a responsibility for their own health and safety and that of others when carrying out their duties and must help us to apply our general statement of health and safety policy.

### **Safeguarding Commitment**

This school is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

