St. John’s Catholic Primary School,

Birch Green, Skelmersdale

Dear Prospective Applicant,

On behalf of the governing body I would like to thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at St. John’s Catholic Primary school.

The vacancy has arisen following the retirement of our long-serving and highly successful Headteacher, Mrs. Aspinwall-Livesey. Over the past 25 years, she has provided outstanding leadership at St. John’s, while also serving as Executive Headteacher of Hillside Primary School for the past 16 years. This highly effective collaboration between the two schools will conclude on 31st December 2025 and from January 2026, each school will be led by its own substantive Headteacher.

This transition presents an exciting opportunity for a new Headteacher to lead St. John’s into the next chapter of its journey. The successful candidate will be expected to build on our strong foundations, uphold the high standards established and embrace a collaborative and forward thinking leadership style.

If successful, you will lead a highly dedicated and skilled team of staff who work with passion and integrity to secure the best possible outcomes for our children. Our children are enthusiastic, eager to learn, and thrive within a rich, creative and engaging curriculum. You will also benefit from the unwavering support of a knowledgeable and committed Governing Body who share a clear vision for the school’s continued success.

As a practising Catholic, you will be expected to embody and actively promote the school’s mission statement: *“To live in Love.”* This guiding principle is at the heart of everything we do, and we are looking for a Headteacher who will lead by example, nurturing a culture of faith, compassion and respect and inspiring our school community to grow spiritually, morally and academically in the light of Gospel values.

We warmly encourage you to visit the school to meet our staff and children, you will be made most welcome. We also invite you to read our most recent Catholic School Inspection and Ofsted reports, which are available on our school website, to gain a fuller understanding of our ethos, achievements and aspirations.

Thank you once again for your interest in this exciting opportunity. We look forward to receiving your application and learning more about the vision and experience you would bring to our school.

Yours sincerely,

Peter O’Dowd

Chair of Governors