

**Dear Applicant** 

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at St Mary's School. As our current Headteacher prepares to retire in December, leaving an exceptional legacy of leadership and collaboration, we are looking for our next inspirational leader.

As Chair of Governors, I am delighted to introduce you to our unique school, set in the beautiful village of Chipping. St Mary's is a small but thriving Catholic school, with just over 50 pupils and growing, in which each child is nurtured and valued. There is a strong family atmosphere, an inclusive and faith-filled ethos, and very close links to our rural community and Parish.

Our school mission states: "We come together as Saint Mary's family to learn, share our faith and do our best to follow in the footsteps of Jesus", and we practice this daily. It is widely recognised that our staff go above and beyond to help each child grow and flourish. Our passionate team of teachers and support-staff work together to provide a stimulating learning environment.

The children of St Mary's are confident, happy, and caring of each other. We are proud of our recent RE inspection report describing them as "empathetic, charming and impeccably behaved". This reflects the values and Catholic way of life that is at the heart of our school.

And so, we are in search of a dedicated Headteacher, passionate about continuing to provide a high-quality and inclusive education to all. The ideal candidate will focus on the well-being of pupils and staff, embrace our Catholic ethos, and aim to increase the success of the school.

Top priorities will be the maintenance of our high standards and enhancement of the school environment. Our dedicated staff and supportive governing body are deeply committed to providing active support to the role. The pay-scale will be from L6-L13, which reflects the size and scope of the school.

You are warmly invited to come and meet us all. St Mary's School is a special place and we would be delighted to open our doors to those considering a future here. If you wish to arrange a visit, please contact our school office on 01995 61367.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Rachel Crisp Chair of Governors