Rufford Church of England Primary School

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'Together in Faith and Learning'

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Deputy Headteacher at Rufford CE Primary School. I wish you all the best should you decide to apply.

Let me tell you about our school – we are a village school, an integral part of the local community with strong links to St Mary's Church, Rufford. The size of our school means there is always a warm family atmosphere where children can grow and 'let their light shine' supported by strong Christian values. Children are valued and respected and together in faith and learning, are encouraged to flourish as good citizens of the future.

We offer a varied, broad, and inclusive curriculum so that all children can fulfil their potential. Wherever possible children study outdoors making use of our grounds, forest school and special reading areas kindly provided by 'The Friends' our very active, generous, and supportive PTA. Children have access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities and clubs before and after school and during break times. We offer wrap around care through our Treehouse Club which is always in demand. We have a thriving Pre-School Nursery, Little Squirrels which introduces children to our school and our way of life and a newly started Toddler Group.

The Ofsted inspection in 2024 found that we continued to be a 'Good' school. It was extremely positive and highlighted the fantastic work in school alongside the strength of the relationships between pupils, families, and staff. Pupils were described as 'an absolute delight' and told the inspection team that the teachers and their friends were the best thing about school. Following the most recent SIAMS inspection (2019), we received the highest grading of 'Excellent' throughout all areas, celebrating the many strengths of our Christian school and we are looking to continue this as we work towards the next inspection.

Governors are proud of our school and its achievements, and we want the very best outcomes for our children. With this in mind, we are looking for a confident, inspirational, forward-thinking leader to work with the Headteacher who will build on the excellent work already in place, continue to develop our high standards of teaching & learning, uphold and strengthen the Christian ethos of the school and ensure the school community continues to thrive.

I encourage you to read all of the information provided with the advertisement, to visit the school website and of course, come and visit our school. Please contact our Bursar, Mrs Shaw, at the School Office to arrange a visit.

The new Deputy Headteacher is expected to start on 1st September 2026, and the Governors and I look forward to receiving your application.

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Yours sincerely

Mrs Fiona Clague Chair of Governors