



St Mary & St Andrew's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the Governing Body of St Mary and St Andrew's Catholic Primary, I would like to thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at our school.

St Mary and St Andrew's is a Catholic Primary School and as such the gospel values and the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church are fundamental to the whole life of our school. With families and parishes, we work together to offer mutual support as a Christian community, where care, respect and consideration for others are paramount. In June 2023 the Diocese of Lancaster graded the school as Outstanding in its Section 48 report, with the inspectors recognising that 'this is an outstanding Catholic school where pastoral care including a commitment to those who are vulnerable, is of the highest quality'. This ethos is valued by pupils, parents and carers and staff. In the education of our pupils, we encourage children to achieve their potential as individuals.

In October 2024 Ofsted assessed the school to be outstanding in our support for the personal development of our children and good in all other aspects of the Inspection framework. Inspectors noted that pupils feel safe and happy in a warm and friendly school which has high aspirations for all pupils reflected in the good progress made across the curriculum.

Pupils enjoy a wide and varied curriculum including an extensive range of extra- curriculum activities and opportunities. We have a hardworking team of teachers and support staff, who genuinely care about each and every one of our pupils, and who are dedicated to delivering an exceptional educational experience to them.

As a Governing Body, we want the very best outcomes for our children. Therefore, we are seeking to appoint a confident, inspirational and ambitious Headteacher who is able to recognise and build upon existing strengths. We seek a leader who can successfully demonstrate strong vision and effective strategic leadership, whilst managing continuous improvement.

We encourage you to visit our school to experience our warm and friendly environment, where our dedicated staff and enthusiastic children work together to make our school a happy place. In the words of one of our children, "This is a great place to be! We want you to help us keep it that way!"

Visits can be arranged by telephoning our school bursar, Mrs Hayley Matthews on 01772 862335.

We hope the information about our school inspires you to join us and we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Audrey Swann
Chair of Governors

