



The Cathedral School of St Mary
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The Governors of The Cathedral School of St Mary are seeking to appoint an inspiring and committed Deputy Headteacher from September 2026, with a 0.4 teaching commitment. We are keen to appoint the very best candidate who will make a significant and positive impact on our school community and continue to drive high standards across the school.

This is an exciting opportunity for a passionate and ambitious leader to work alongside the Executive Headteacher and senior leadership team in shaping the strategic direction of the school whilst maintaining a strong presence in the classroom.

We are looking for a candidate who is committed to securing the very best outcomes for all children and who will actively contribute to the Catholic life and ethos of our school. Applicants should have successful experience of working within a primary school setting and demonstrate the leadership qualities required to support both the operational and strategic leadership of the school.

We offer:

- A welcoming school with a strong Catholic ethos
- Children who are polite, happy and motivated to learn
- A supportive staff team who genuinely want the best for our pupils
- A commitment to your own professional development (training available)

The successful candidate will:

- Be fully committed to upholding and promoting the Catholic ethos and values of the school in all aspects of leadership and school life
- Be committed to ensuring high-quality provision, care and enrichment opportunities which support the wellbeing and development of all children
- Be an excellent role model who leads with integrity, professionalism and high expectations
- Have excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to lead and motivate others effectively
- Be dynamic, resilient and hardworking, with the ability to remain positive and solution-focused within a fast-paced environment
- Be able to work collaboratively as part of the senior leadership team and build strong relationships with pupils, parents, governors, staff and external agencies
- Have a reflective and evaluative approach to leadership and practice, with a commitment to continual school improvement

- Have the ability to support the strategic and operational leadership of the school, ensuring the highest standards of teaching, learning, behaviour and safeguarding
- Be committed to inclusion and ensuring that every child is supported to flourish both academically and personally

Required: September 2026

Salary: L2-L4

Contracts: Fixed term contracts until August 31st 2028

Visits to the school are encouraged. To arrange a visit, please contact Darren Moore, Executive Deputy Headteacher by email at d.moore@plymouthcast.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS Disclosure is required for this post.

Closing Date: Monday 18th May 2026 at 9am.

Shortlisted candidates will be notified by email

Please apply online at:

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JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title
Deputy Headteacher
Line Manager
Headteacher/Executive Headteacher
Base Location
School Based
Purpose of Role
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Help to create and foster the Christian community of the school and to work with the families and the parishes in the Christian nurture of the child.● Teach children to know God as a loving Father and to respond to him in love, praise, and thanksgiving.● Be a member of the senior leadership team, assist the head teacher in leading and managing the school and to take responsibility in the absence of the head teacher.● Work with the head teacher and Governors to formulate school policies and lead the staff in their delivery.● Play a major role under the overall direction of the head teacher in formulating and reviewing the School Development/Improvement Plans and the aims and objectives of the school by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o establishing the policies through which they shall be achieved;o leading and managing staff and resources to that end;o monitoring progress towards their achievement.● By example, assist in leading the staff to act and work in a conscientious, enthusiastic and professional manner.● Develop and maintain good relationships with parents.● Undertake the usual responsibilities of the class teacher.● Undertake such duties as are delegated by the Headteacher/Executive Headteacher. <p>The internal organisation, management and control of the school:</p> <p>To contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintaining and developing the ethos, values and overall purposes of the school;• formulating the aims and objectives of the school and policies for their implementation;



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- planning improvement which will translate school aims and policies into actions;
- implementing the school's policies;
- the efficient organisation, management and supervision of school routines.

Key Accountabilities

Main Tasks

- To ensure own professional development and leading colleagues for their professional development in a designated subject leadership role.
- To keep the catalogue of resources for the designated subject leadership role.
- To take a leading role in developing the teaching and learning across the school, however with a particular focus on one key stage.
- To keep up to date subject leader file/s to demonstrate impact on raising standards
- To participate in arrangements for further training and the development of own professional skills and knowledge with particular reference to the new curriculum.
- To ensure colleagues have the knowledge and support necessary to ensure attainment is monitored and raised with progress identified.
- To conduct frequent book scrutiny throughout the school ensuring at least good progress is being made.
- To conduct lesson observations and assess the impact of teachers on the learning of the children in their class, supporting professional development when necessary.
- To complete tasks agreed with the head teacher during leadership and management time.
- To lead the development of teaching and learning, working collaboratively with teachers.
- To support the induction and development of student teachers and teachers new to the profession (NQT and NQT+1).
- To contribute to the pastoral work within the school.
- To take the lead on one of the key stages within the school.
- To assist the head teacher in the monitoring of core subjects throughout the school and to keep colleagues informed to enable development as appropriate.
- To ensure that safeguarding is enshrined in school policies and practice.

Class teacher responsibilities

- To carry out duties of a school teacher as set out in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.



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- To lead effective learning providing an opportunity for the children to take responsibility for their own learning.
- To ensure the good behaviour of all children and to develop within them positive attitudes towards adults, peers, property and work.
- To keep records of children's work and achievement in accordance with school policy.
- To have high expectations and to encourage the children in the class to make at least good progress.
- To ensure effective liaison with the teaching assistants
- To ensure effective liaison with the meal time assistants.
- To supervise the children during and after school in accordance with the rota.
 - To discuss the child's progress and needs with the parents at twice yearly parents' evenings and at any other reasonable time on request.
- To be prepared to meet with designated governors to report on the teaching of the specific role.
- To keep up to date with developments in the specific role by reading, attending courses and reporting back to colleagues.
- To provide the head teacher with a copy of the long and medium term planning and to prepare a synopsis for parents.
- To provide the head teacher with detailed weekly plans and evaluations of these in accordance with school policy.
- To take full part in and contribute to staff meetings.

The management of staff

- To be responsible for the line management, performance management and appraisal of specific staff.
- To contribute to good management practice by ensuring positive staff participation, effective communication and procedures.

Relationships

- To be responsible for fostering positive relationships across the school community.
- To help maintain and develop effective communications and links with parents and to

provide positive responses to concerns and problems regarding their children's education and wellbeing.



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- To assist liaison with other educational establishments in order to promote the continuity of learning, progression and curriculum developments.
- To develop and maintain positive links and relationships with the community, local organisations and employers.

Specific Responsibilities (Teaching and Learning)

- To be responsible with the Head Teacher for improving the quality of teaching across the school through monitoring, developing and evaluating teachers and other support staff
- To drive improvements in children's progress rates across the school.
- To identify and promote innovative teaching strategies and learning styles to meet the needs of all students
- Contribute to school policies on curriculum, teaching and learning, assessment, recording and reporting
- To be the mentor for both newly qualified and student teachers who are based at the School.

Knowledge and Experience

- Qualified Teacher Status
- A degree or equivalent qualification
- Evidence of continuous professional development that includes training in leadership and management
- Experience of supporting, training and helping to co-ordinate the professional development of colleagues
- Evidence of good management, which incorporates detailed planning, successful implementation and effective monitoring and evaluation of strategies
- Experience of leading change
- Experience in using of a range of tools and evidence, including performance data, to support, monitor, evaluate and improve aspects of school, including challenging poor performance
- To have a good knowledge and understanding of what constitutes an effective school and have the necessary skills of leadership and management to help create such a school

- Have a good understanding of what contributes to successful learning and the ability to promote the most effective teaching strategies to bring this about
- Knowledge of how assessment strategies and target-setting are used to inform learning in order to help pupils make progress
- Understanding of what constitutes a broad and balanced curriculum and which is well differentiated and resourced to meet the needs of all pupils
- Knowledge of statutory education frameworks, including governance
- Knowledge of effective models of learning and teaching
- Knowledge of effective models of behaviour and attendance management
- Knowledge of strategies to promote individual, team and organisational development
- Ability to have a vision of the overall aims and direction of a successful school and be able to communicate these in order to inspire and motivate others
- Able to effectively communicate to a varied audience
- The ability to relate positively with the headteacher, pupils, colleagues, parents, governors and others who contribute to the work of the school
- Ability to organise and manage work effectively i.e. being able to prioritise and organise tasks, make decisions, support and delegate where appropriate
- Ability to use initiative

Personal Qualities

- Practising Catholic with a strong understanding of the structures and values of the Catholic Church
- Passionately committed to safeguarding and the welfare and wellbeing of children and young people
- Willingness to undergo appropriate checks, including enhanced DBS checks
- To work hard and remain fully committed, even when under pressure, always acting with consideration for yourself and others
- Forgiving and committed to healthy inclusive relationships (strong interpersonal & diplomatic skills)
- Emotionally resilient and therefore patient and persevering with challenging behaviours and attitudes
- To be hopeful, honest and always act with integrity, taking a rigorous approach to improving standards in order to ensure transformation of pupil's lives and their wider communities
- Act with humility and as a team player by serving others both in the school and across the trust



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- Able to demonstrate and communicate the CAST ethos in your behaviours and actions
- Positive, passionate, enthusiastic, and able to help others be the same
- Able to keep a sense of proportion by acting with self-control
- Act with authenticity and integrity
- To have high aspirations and a commitment to excellence, and to role model this behaviour to others
- Self-disciplined and able to reflect and learn in order develop wisdom and understanding.
- A willingness to promote and maintain the human face of the church ensuring that practices are consistent with the values in the Gospel.



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Expected Outcomes

- To provide professional leadership and management of a key area of the School Development Plan as agreed, on an annual basis, with the Headteacher.
- To assist the Headteacher in the day to day running of the school including taking assemblies, leading duty teams, overseeing the organisation of parents' evenings, promoting health and safety, and through attendance at extracurricular events.
- To work closely with the Governing Board as a member of sub committees and through joint working.
- To line manage staff according to school policy and support, challenge and develop them in their roles thus ensuring a culture of accountability at all levels.
- To prepare agendas for relevant meetings.
- To participate in SLT meetings including early morning briefings, weekly meetings and termly strategic sessions including weekends.
- To carry out other responsibilities as required by the Headteacher from time to time.
- Good working relationships are promoted with Trustees, Diocesan staff, School staff and Governors and Plymouth CAST staff.
- Responsible for own continuing self-development, undertaking training as appropriate or as directed as part of CPD.
- Being aware of and complying with all relevant policies and procedures relating to child protection, health safety and security, confidentiality and data protection and reporting all concerns to the appropriate person.



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- Plymouth CAST fully complies with its statutory obligations and records are maintained as required by law and made available when required by authorized persons.

This document outlines the duties for the time being to indicate the level of responsibility.



It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list and the duties may be varied from time to time which do not change the general character to the job or the level of responsibility entailed.

Changes can be made to this job description under consultation to reflect the changing needs of the role at any time.