

Bishop Wilson Cof E & Christ Church CofE Primary School Federation

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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the position of Executive Headteacher for Bishop Wilson and Christ Church Federation.

The Governing Board holds the welfare of our children at the heart of every decision that we make so we would be delighted to hear from you if you are passionate about helping children achieve the best outcomes they can.

Both Bishop Wilson and Christ Church are voluntary aided Church of England primary schools in the county of Cheshire, but geographically situated on the southern portion of the Wirral peninsular. The two schools started working together in September 2019 and formally federated in September 2021.

We place a strong emphasis on the individual child and encourage our children to make the most of each opportunity, in order to gain the best from their education within our Christian settings. We work with the children to help them prepare for the ever-changing world in which we live, and to develop their skills in order to sustain life-long learning as well as strong self-belief and spirituality. This helps support them throughout their future. Our broad and creative curriculum fosters collaboration as well as individual responsibility for our school and our community.

We consider it a privilege to work with our families and know that together we may all build a community of which we are very proud. As Church of England schools we are here to serve our community and that is very much central to our mission.

We work closely with the clergy from both our parish churches (St Nicholas' for Bishop Wilson and St Thomas and All Saints for Christ Church) but we are always looking to strengthen the links between our churches and our schools.

We can offer the successful candidate:

- Happy, caring schools, with well-behaved children from a range of backgrounds, who respect each other and have a passion for learning
- A federated governing board, consisting of experienced Governors who play an active role in supporting school improvement and care about the wellbeing of all members of our school communities
- An excellent opportunity to provide strategic leadership and direction while building upon the high standards already in place.

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I include a short overview of both schools below but please look through both schools' website and I hope you are able to visit us during one of our 'look around' sessions, when I will have the pleasure of meeting you.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Boyle
Chair of Governors
Bishop Wilson and Christ Church Federation

Federation vision

'A journey of learning for all, within God's guiding hands.'

Life is a wonderful journey of learning. Our schools nurture all individuality and growth through a supportive and caring family. Everyone brings something special to our schools. Using our Christian values, we aim to nurture what they have brought, encourage it to transform and watch it flourish within our community and beyond.

Overview of Bishop Wilson

Bishop Wilson is a small rural primary school (0.5 form entry) in the village of Burton, with views over the Dee Estuary to the mountains of North Wales. Set in large grounds with good car parking and a secure play area, the school is a close neighbour of the RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands nature reserve.

Bishop Wilson retained their 'Good' rating at the last OFSTED inspection in November 2021 but we have not been inspected for SIAMs since September 2016 (we were 'Good') so we are anticipating that will happen soon.

Bishop Wilson has a Charitable Trust whose purpose is to financially support the education of the children of the school.

There are currently 79 pupils on roll with four classes. With the exception of EYFS all pupils are taught in mixed-age year groups (Reception; years 1/2; years 3/4; Years 4/5). We have a pre-school run by a company called S4YC in the school building.

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| Percentage of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium | 6.3% |
| Percentage of pupils with SEND | 12.7% |
| Percentage of LAC | 0% |
| Percentage of pupils in receipt of an EHC plan | 1.3% |
| Percentage of pupils with EAL | 0% |
| Percentage of pupils who are part of an ethnic minority group | 2.5% |

There are 4.6 teachers including the executive headteacher (0.4) and the school employs one higher level teaching assistant. The leadership team consists of the executive headteacher, head of school, and school business manager. The school deprivation indicator and pupil base are 'least deprived' when compared to all schools.

The school vision is based upon the scripture 'The joy of the Lord is your strength' Nehemiah 8:10 - 'The joy of the Lord and our Christian Values helps us to flourish in school and in our community: as communicators, explorers, readers, and believers. Within God's family we nurture, teach, and support each other, opening doors for all.'

Overview of Christ Church

Christ Church is a 1-form entry urban primary school in the heart of 'Whitby' in Ellesmere Port. Ellesmere Port is an industrial town on the banks of the river Mersey and was so named when it was created out of five villages during the industrial revolution when it became the 'port' of the Shropshire town Ellesmere when the Shropshire Union Canal was built. Home to the National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port also has the entry and exit of the Manchester Ship Canal at its dockside.

Christ Church has a modern school building with plenty of outdoor space and a wooded area where we run our forest school. We also have a pre-school provision in a purpose built facility in our grounds but run by a separate company, S4YC.

Christ Church retained their 'Good' rating at the last OFSTED inspection in December 2022 but we have not been inspected for SIAMs since February 2016 (we were 'Outstanding') we anticipate the next inspection will be in 23/24.

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| There are currently 201 on role with 7 classes. | |
| Percentage of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium | 22.38% |
| Percentage of pupils with SEND | 8.45% |
| Percentage of LAC | 1.49% |
| Percentage of pupils in receipt of an EHC plan | 2.98% |

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| Percentage of pupils with EAL | 3.98% |
| Percentage of pupils who are part of an ethnic minority group | 1.3% |
| School location is in quintile 1 (least deprived). Pupil base is in quintile 4 (more deprived) | |

Christ church is a school confident in and shaped by its Christian distinctiveness. The school's vision is *'Within God's family we nurture, teach, and support each other, opening doors for all. Our Christian values help us to flourish in school and in our community as beacons radiating the light of Jesus in all that we do.'*

The school's vision is based upon Psalm 119 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' and is reflected in the school's strapline *We Work, We Play, We Care, We Pray in Jesus' name.*

Curriculum

At both schools the vision is translated into the curriculum which reflects the Christian distinctiveness of the schools. Each member of our schools' community is encouraged to be a spiritual beacon who has four main qualities.

1. To be a communicator by expressing themselves in many different ways
2. To be an explorer by taking part in new and exciting experiences to grow
3. To be a reader by embracing and engaging with a wealth of books that inspire and engage.
4. To be a believer by knowing that one can make a difference to our lives and community.