

Head of School required for St. Francis Catholic Primary School

Station Road, Nailsea, North Somerset, BS48 4PD

Salary range: 9-13

"Together in Christ"

St. Francis is a place where Catholic attitudes to life are both taught and lived in a way that encourages our children to develop a strong Christian family and community spirit. Our mission: "Together in Christ" is central to all we do and believe. With this mission guiding our practice, our wonderful children thrive and develop in our school where they are encouraged and able to make an active difference to our community.

Therefore, the Directors of the Cardinal Newman Catholic Trust, in partnership with the Local Governor Committee of St. Francis Catholic Primary School, are seeking to appoint an ambitious and driven leader who will build on existing strong foundations and inspire the school toward an outstanding future. This is an exciting opportunity to shape the future growth of our school and contribute to the wider Academy Trust by leading our able and supportive team with enthusiasm whilst driving improvement in pupil achievement.

This post offers the opportunity to work in schools with:

- talented and highly committed teaching teams,
- creative pupils who care about their learning and their communities,
- communities who care deeply about the identity of their schools,
- strong and supportive governors and the Board of Directors.

We are looking for a dedicated, committed Catholic who:

- has a firm commitment to school improvement and MAT collaboration,
- has a proven track record in teaching and experience of leadership,
- and can compellingly communicate their vision for their school.

We can offer:

- an opportunity to excel and further develop the skills required to pursue an ambitious career path,
- an opportunity to contribute to the strategic development of the academy,
- a committed and motivated strategic leadership team.

A full job description and personal specification are available on the school (<http://www.st-francis.n-somerset.sch.uk/>) and MAT (www.newmancatholictrust.com) websites or from the St. Francis school office.

Application is via a CES application form accompanied by a cover letter to the Chair of the MAT Board (no more than two sides of A4) stating:

- strengths,
- suitability for the roles
- self-identified developmental needs,
- previous experience linked to key areas of the job description,
- how he/she will contribute to the effectiveness of the school, particularly in the areas identified above.

The application can be sent to enquiries@newmancatholictrust.com or handed in directly to the school.

Closing Date and shortlisting: Friday 21st April 2023, midday

Interviews for candidates: Friday 28th April 2023

The Cardinal Newman Catholic Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to all the necessary pre-employment checks, including an Enhanced DBS; Prohibition Check; Childcare Disqualification (where applicable) qualifications (where applicable) medical fitness; identity and right to work.

All applicants will be required to provide three suitable references. We promote equal opportunities for all.