



St George's
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Head Teacher Candidate Information

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Welcome from our Chair of Governors



On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you for expressing an interest in the position of Head Teacher at St. George's primary school. I hope this information pack will answer your questions and inspire you to apply for this exciting role. The Governing Board are seeking to appoint an exceptional leader who will share our values and ambition for the school. A headteacher who can build on our strengths and provide strong, trusted, and resilient leadership. A headteacher that can take our 'Good' school to 'Outstanding'.

At St George's CE Primary school our vision is that every child upholds the Christian values within their daily lives. Our children strive to be confident, kind, thoughtful and selfless. You can see our vision come to life when walking through our school and in our classrooms. Our school motto is 'Jesus colours our love, our life, our learning'. We strive to live out this vision in everything we do in school to allow children to enjoy the fullness of life and enable them to flourish in the world in which they live both during their time at St. George's and beyond.

Rooted in the Gospel of John and in particular chapter 10 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.', our school vision encompasses our six gospel values; compassion, love, truthfulness, thankfulness, forgiveness and hope.

I believe in the unique potential of each and every child. The school's primary objective is to create a nurturing environment that is uncompromising in ensuring that pupils benefit from the care and support needed to thrive. In addition, our staff are unwavering in their commitment to provide the highest quality education, delivered through a broad and ambitious curriculum that is designed to give all our pupils, particularly those that are disadvantaged and pupils with SEND, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.

Our community is characterised by its diversity and inclusivity, and all members of the St. George's Church of England Primary School team work hard to promote a sense of belonging and mutual respect. As a Church of England Primary School deeply rooted in Christian values, we take immense pride in fostering an environment that embodies these principles.

I acknowledge the position of Head Teacher can be demanding and challenging and I am committed to ensuring that the Board of Governors provide the necessary support and resources for the successful candidate to thrive in their role.

I hope to meet you in the very near future. Visits to school are strongly recommended and warmly welcomed.

Georgina James
Chair of Governors



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Our Mission and Vision

Our school is set in Westhoughton in Bolton. We are a Church of England Primary School and are lucky to have a Church within our school building. Our vision is that every child uphold the Christian values with them in their daily lives.

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Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

We believe that the key to success is happiness, a love of learning and a school where children feel supported, respected and safe. We always strive for academic excellence and provide an exciting and enriching experience for all our children. We expect every child to fulfil their potential and we celebrate everyone's uniqueness and the gifts and talents they have.

Every child is precious and it is a privilege to play a part in their development. We are very aware that the future is in their hands and we aim to provide them with the skills, knowledge, resilience, enthusiasm and life skills which will equip them to lead a successful and happy life.

We cannot do this alone. Our school works closely with parents, the local authority, the Diocese and local primary and secondary schools to ensure the best for all our children.

Our Aims

- ★ To ensure Christian values and spirituality are at the heart of all aspects of school life.
- ★ To promote a love of learning within a safe, happy and vibrant environment, in which every person matters.
- ★ To provide quality learning experiences which are both challenging and rewarding to all pupils and which will continue to raise standards in all areas.
- ★ To nurture respectful citizens of the future, who think and care for themselves, their community and their world.
- ★ To work in partnership with governors, parents and local parish community and celebrate success together.

St George's is a Thinking School

Definition of thinking and learning

Learning:- the acquisition of knowledge or skills through experience, practice or study, or by being taught.

Thinking:- the process of purposeful, self-regulatory judgement. Giving reasoned consideration to evidence, context, conceptualisations, methods and criteria.

What is a thinking school?

St George's embarks on the journey to become an accredited thinking school. It is an educational community where everyone (staff, children, parents and governors) agrees to give regular thought to the best ways the children will learn and focused on everyone's wellbeing.

The children and staff learn how to think, critically, reflectively and creatively. This requires the application of consistent approaches and routines to encourage children of all abilities to develop independence as well as cooperative learning skills.

Learning = consequence of thinking

We learn best when we:- listen to others ask questions and share our ideas make connections between our learning practise and keep having a go (never give up).

What are the long-term benefits of a thinking school?

- ★ Thinking school children understand:
- ★ That there are different ways of learning
- ★ Their own strengths and weaknesses (we are all different and prefer to learn in different ways)
- ★ How to use different strategies to help them learn and tackle problems
- ★ How to think critically, creatively and reflectively
- ★ How to access and analyse information

Thinking school children are:

- ★ Curious, independent and motivated learners who enjoy a challenge
- ★ Effective communicators, confident to share their ideas with others
- ★ Able to show initiative, flexibility and adaptability working on their own or collaboratively as part of team.
- ★ Positive behaved individuals with a greater understanding of others.
- ★ Resilient problem solvers. They have a positive mindset and have developed coping strategies (how to deal with failure, learn from mistakes/mistakes help us learn).



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Ofsted (2021) and SIAMS (2016) Comments

"Together, staff and pupils model the school's core Christian values in their actions each day." SIAMS, 2016

"The outstanding and distinctive Christian ethos permeates all aspects of school life and has an important and affirmative impact... evidenced in excellent pupil behaviour and relationships." SIAMS, 2016

"Chosen core Christian values including truthfulness, thankfulness and forgiveness are made explicit and are deeply embedded in the daily life of the school. **These Christian values clearly contribute to pupils' behaviour which is outstanding.**" Ofsted, 2021

"There are many opportunities for pupils to develop personally at St George's."

"Children and pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities receive the support that they need quickly." Ofsted, 2021

"Leaders have ensured that a **strong culture of safeguarding permeates all aspects of their work...** [they] ensure that pupils and their families who need extra help are provided with timely and appropriate advice and support." Ofsted, 2021

"The school's Christian character has a strong impact on pupils' academic achievement and spiritual growth." SIAMS, 2016

"Pupils told inspectors that teachers treat them fairly and will listen to their concerns."

"Throughout the school, pupils show a willingness and desire to learn new things... Leaders have high expectations of what pupils can achieve." Ofsted, 2021



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Recruiting our next Head Teacher

What we can offer the successful candidate

- ★ A lively vibrant creative school with the success of its children at its heart
- ★ Forward thinking, responsive staff who work hard to achieve their targets, whilst encouraging children to achieve and exceed their potential
- ★ A governing body who will ensure the strategy of the school is clear, being effectively implemented and will provide challenge and support
- ★ An attractive salary scale with clear specific performance management targets
- ★ A support and / or mentor facility within the Loughborough Primary Academy Partnership, who work collaboratively to ensure your success
- ★ The opportunity to develop, support and mentor our existing leadership team
- ★ A clear and transparent recruitment process that will allow you to showcase your experience and potential
- ★ Feedback post interview if required.

What are we looking for in our new headteacher?

- ★ Clarity and openness about their vision both professional and personal
- ★ A respected leader setting standards for behaviour and discipline
- ★ A visible presence, for staff, children & parents
- ★ A teacher at heart, a passion for education
- ★ Open and approachable
- ★ Respect the value and role of support staff
- ★ Provide a rounded and wide curriculum – creativity and sport as well as core subjects
- ★ Understand the needs and individuality of each cohort
- ★ Consistency of approach
- ★ A leader that people want to follow



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Job description Head Teacher

Church of England Voluntary Aided Schools

Pay Range: L15 – L21A

The appointment will be made by the governing body of the school under the terms of a contract signed with the governors as employers. This job description reflects the National Standards of Excellence for Head Teachers (2020). These standards are built upon The Teaching Standards which apply to all teachers, including Head Teachers. The appointment is subject to the current conditions of employment of Head Teachers, contained in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document and other current educational and employment legislation,

Domain One

Excellent Head Teachers: Teaching

- Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils
- Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils
- Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge
- Plan and teach well-structured lessons
- Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils
- Make accurate and productive use of assessment
- Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment
- Fulfil wider professional responsibilities

Domain Two

Excellent Head Teachers: Personal and Professional Conduct

- Treating pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times
- observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position
- Having regard for the need to safeguard pupils' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
- Showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others

- Not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
- Ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law
- Having proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies, and practices of the school in which they teach, and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality
- Having an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out their professional duties and responsibilities.

Domain Three

Educating for: Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills

- Hold and articulate clear Christian values and purpose in accordance with the distinctive nature of a church school, focussing on providing 'wisdom, knowledge and truth'.
- Lead by example – with integrity, creativity, resilience, and clarity – drawing on their own scholarship, expertise, and skills, and that of those around them.
- Sustain wide, current knowledge and understanding of education and school systems locally, nationally, and globally including the continuing role of schools with a religious character and pursue continuous professional development.



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- Work with political and financial astuteness, within a clear set of principles centred on the school's Christian vision and distinctive Christian character and values, ably translating local and national policy into the school's context.
- Communicate compellingly the school's Christian vision and drive the strategic leadership, ensuring all have the 'skills needed to shape life well.'
- Inspire and lead the school as a worshipping community, which demonstrates the Christian vision and Christian values in everyday work and practice.
- Regularly review own practice, set personal targets, and take responsibility for own personal and spiritual development.
- Act as spiritual leader to staff and pupils.
- Ensure that Religious Education and Collective Worship are central to the life and teaching of the school and set a high personal example in these aspects.
- Provide for the daily act of Collective Worship demonstrating the tenets of the Anglican tradition, in accordance with the school's Trust Deed in consultation with the governing body
- Challenge educational orthodoxies in the best interests of achieving excellence, harnessing the findings of well evidenced research to frame self-regulating and self-improving schools.
- Model entrepreneurial and innovative approaches to school improvement, leadership, and governance.

The Head Teacher will ensure that the school reflects the Church of England Vision for Education by ensuring it promotes:

1. Educating for Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills
2. Educating for Hope and Aspiration
3. Educating for Community and Living Well Together
4. Educating for Dignity and Respect

Domain One

Educating for Hope and Aspiration

- Build a culture that recognises the worth of each individual whilst encouraging all to stretch themselves spiritually, morally, imaginatively, and actively, to aspire to be the best they can be.
 - Pay particular attention to supporting the disadvantaged to achieve their God-given potential.
 - Instil a strong sense of accountability in staff for the impact of their work on pupils' outcomes, hopes and aspirations.
 - Secure excellent teaching through an analytical understanding of the core features of successful classroom practice and curriculum design as well as how pupils learn, leading to rich curriculum opportunities and pupils' well-being that reflect the school's distinctive Christian ethos and values.
 - Establish an educational culture that reflects hope and aspiration whereby 'open classrooms' are a basis for sharing best practice within and between schools, drawing on and conducting relevant research and robust data analysis.
 - Identify emerging talents, coaching current and aspiring leaders in a climate where excellence is the standard, leading to clear succession planning.



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- Demonstrate a personal 'reservoir of hope' through perseverance, patience, openness, and celebration

Domain Two

Educating for: Community and Living Well

- Work cooperatively with pupils, staff, governors, parents, the church and other members of the community to achieve the school's Christian vision creating a 'hospitable community'.
- Seek opportunities to invite parents/ carers, members of the Church family, community, business, or other organisations into the school to enhance and enrich the school and its value to the wider community.
- Contribute to the development of the education system by, for example, sharing effective practice with schools, working in partnership with others to promote innovation.
- Promote a vision of a Church school witnessing to its Christian values where we see everyone 'flourishing together'.
- Create a community within which all staff are motivated and supported to develop their own skills and subject knowledge, and to support each other demonstrating the school's Christian values.
- Promote, build, and sustain creative partnerships with the church and Christian communities that fosters the spiritual development of the children.
- Create and promote positive strategies for challenging prejudice and dealing with harassment in a Christian manner.

- Ensure a range of Church and community-based learning experiences including the development or promotion of Christian community.

- Collaborate with Church and other agencies in providing for the academic, spiritual, moral, social, emotional, and cultural well-being of pupils and their families.
- Ensure that the school's systems, organisation, and processes make our school known for being a 'just institution'.
- Provide a safe, calm, and well-ordered environment, consistent with the School's Christian vision, for all pupils and staff, focused on safeguarding pupils and developing their exemplary behaviour in school and in the wider society.
- Welcome strong governance and actively support the governing body to understand its role and deliver its functions effectively, paying attention to the school's distinctive Christian character, in particular its functions to set school strategy and hold the Head Teacher to account for pupil, staff and financial performance.
- Exercise strategic, curriculum-led financial planning to ensure the equitable deployment of budgets and resources, in the best interests of pupils' achievements, the development of the whole child spiritually, emotionally, and morally, and the school's sustainability.
- Recognise the value of all staff, through distributed leadership, forging teams of colleagues who have distinct roles and responsibilities and hold each other to account for their decision making.



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- Recruit members of staff who are able and willing to contribute to the Christian ethos of the school, retaining and deploying them appropriately and managing their workload to achieve the vision and goals of the school.

Domain Three

Educating for: Dignity and Respect

- Create an outward-facing school which works with other schools and organisations, in a climate of mutual yet supportive challenge, so that best practice is championed, and achievements are secured for all pupils, respecting that all children and staff have different God-given gifts.
- Develop effective relationships with fellow professionals and colleagues in other public services to improve academic and social outcomes for all pupils, in particular those disadvantaged pupils.
- Treat people fairly, equitably and with dignity and respect to create and maintain a positive school culture promoting the 'ultimate worth' of each individual and students don't feel ashamed of failure.
- Hold all staff to account for their professional conduct and practice reflecting the school's Christian values.
- Establish rigorous, fair, and transparent systems and measures for managing the performance of all staff which reflects the Christian identity of the school, addressing any under-performance whilst supporting staff to improve and valuing excellent practice.

- Develop strategies that demonstrate the equal worth of those with and without special educational needs and disabilities and resource these appropriately
- Shape the current and future quality of the teaching profession through high quality training and sustained professional development for all staff which also actively promotes and reflects the distinctive nature of Church of England schools.
- Inspire and influence others, within and beyond the school, to believe education can be one of the greatest blessings in young people's lives. In particular to work within the school and Church community to translate the Christian vision into agreed objectives and operational plans which will promote and sustain school improvement.
- Demonstrates ethical behaviour, and positive relationships and attitudes towards pupils, staff, parents, governors, and members of the local community through modelling the Christian values that underpin the life of the school

Leadership in a Church School

- Provide professional leadership and management for the school within the context of a strong Christian ethos;
- Create an organisational structure which reflects the school's values, trust deed and mission;
- Promote a vision of a Church school witnessing to its Christian values in its local community;
- Work within the school and Church communities to translate the vision into agreed objectives and operational plans which will promote and sustain school improvement;



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- Demonstrate the vision and Christian values in everyday work and practice;
- Ensure a range of Church and community-based learning experiences;
- Seek opportunities to invite parents/ carers, members of the Church family, community, business or other organisations into the school to enhance and enrich the school and its value to the wider community;
- Contribute to the development of the education system by, for example, sharing effective practice with schools in the Diocesan family, working in partnership with others to promote innovative initiatives.

Safeguarding - Responsible for promoting the welfare of all children and young people and be faithful to the trust deed. Creates an organisational culture which is vigilant to, monitors and prioritises the safeguarding of children and young people above all considerations.

Customer Care - To continually review, develop and improve systems, processes, and services in support of the school's pursuit of excellence in service delivery. To recognise the value of its people as a resource.

Promoting equality and diversity - To accept everyone has a right to his or her distinct identity. To treat everyone with dignity and respect and to ensure that what our customers tell us is valued by reporting it back into the organisation.

To promote and participate in the council's work to eliminate discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between our diverse communities.

Developing Self and Others - To use processes and put processes in place to generate a learning environment. To focus on the strengths and requirements of all individuals and enable them to further their skills and knowledge. To actively pursue your own development. To be self-aware and role model continuous self-development.

Safer Recruitment – The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. "Bolton Council has a statutory duty under the Civil Contingencies Act to respond in the event of an emergency. If Bolton Council's Emergency Management Plan is activated, you could be required to assist, or assist others, in the continued maintenance or delivery of key Council services and of support to the community. This could require working outside of routine working hours and could entail working from places other than your normal place of work.

N.B. Emergencies requiring activation of the Bolton Council Emergency Management Plan only occur very infrequently. If you are asked to respond to an emergency, your personal circumstances at the time will be taken into account."



Person Specification/ Selection Criteria for Head Teacher

The applicant will be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

Note: Candidates failing to meet any of the essential criteria will automatically be excluded

[A] Faith Commitment

To be able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the following in the context of a Church of England school.

| Faith Commitment | Essential | Desirable | Source |
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| A person able to demonstrate the values and ethos of a faith school, preferably a Practicing Christian | | D | AIR |
| Leading school worship | E | | AIR |
| Ways of developing religious education and worship | E | | AIR |
| A commitment to strategic thinking and planning that builds, communicates and carries forward a coherent and shared vision for the Christian ethos of the school. | E | | AIR |

[B] Qualifications

| Qualification requirements | Essential | Desirable | Source |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Qualified teacher status | E | | A |
| Evidence of Continuing Professional Development relating to school leadership and curriculum development | E | | A |
| NPQH or other leadership qualification, or working towards | | D | A |
| Christian Leadership qualification and/or experience | | D | AIR |
| SENCO Qualification (If required) | | D | A |

[C] Experience: Recent and successful experience of:

| Experience | Essential | Desirable | Source |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Safeguarding | E | | AIR |
| Leadership and management in a primary school | E | | AIR |
| Teaching at primary school | E | | AIR |
| Leading curriculum development | | | |
| Tracking pupil progress, planning appropriate interventions and monitoring the impact of actions taken | | | |
| Having a significant positive impact on outcomes and progress for pupils, regardless of their individual, special or additional needs | E | | AIR |
| Positive behaviour management | E | | AIR |
| Leading safeguarding | | D | AIR |
| Working in the church school sector | E | | AIR |
| Teaching in more than one key stage | | D | AIR |
| Working with governors | E | | AIR |
| Working with external agencies for the well-being of pupils and their families | | D | AIR |
| Managing a delegated budget in line with the school's Ethos | | D | AIR |



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D] Wisdom: Demonstrate wisdom through understanding of:

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| Demonstrate an understanding, awareness and empathy for the needs of the pupils at St George's CE Primary School and how these could be met. | E | | AIR |
| Able to demonstrate a clear rationale for behaviour management and a proven track record of the effective implementation of a range of behaviour management strategies. | E | | AIR |
| Excellent written and verbal communication skills (which will be assessed at all stages of the process). | E | | AIR |
| To be a leader of learning demonstrating, promoting and encouraging outstanding classroom practice. | E | | AIR |
| Show a good commitment to sustained attendance at work | E | | AIR |

[E] Professional Attributes

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| The distinctive Christian character of a Church of England school as expressed through its vision, value and ethos | E | | AIR |
| Issues relating to the leadership and management of a church school that promotes human flourishing | E | | AIR |
| Principles for the development of effective teaching and learning to reflect the needs and worth of every pupil | E | | AIR |
| Principles of school self-evaluation and strategies for planning school improvement to enable flourishing for all | E | | AIR |
| Strategies to develop 'community and living well' through partnership with families, and relationships with church and the local community | E | | AIR |
| The range of data available for the evaluation and improvement of school performance and how to share this in an accessible way with staff, governors and families | E | | AIR |
| The Church of England Vision for Education | E | | AIR |
| The unique context of the school | | D | AIR |
| The legislative framework for a VA school, including governance, curriculum and inspection frameworks and the requirements for statutory assessment | | D | AIR |
| Personnel issues relevant to school leadership | | D | AIR |
| Strategic financial planning | | | |

[F] Professional Skills

(Expectations set out in the Head Teachers' Standards 2020)

Must have the ability to:



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Develop Hope and Aspiration:

Inspire motivate and challenge staff, pupils, and others to live out the school's Christian vision by communicating a hopeful journey of improvement

Continue to develop the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school

Develop teaching and learning to enable all pupils to fulfil their potential, including modelling exemplary teaching practice

Provide leadership in Collective Worship that reflects the Christian identity of the school

Provide leadership in RE that reflects the context of the school

Promote Community and Living Well Together:

Foster good teamwork through promoting a sense of community through a culture of 'living well.'

Monitor and evaluate the performance of people and policies in line with the ethos of the school

Manage the school as a hospitable community that seeks to embody an ethos of living well together

Further enhance relationships with the Governing Body, external agencies, the Diocese, the LA, and other schools

Promote Dignity and Respect:

Ensure all children are kept safely from harm and educated in an environment where all God's children are valued

Create and maintain an effective learning environment and culture that positively recognises individual strengths and needs

Manage own workload and that of others to allow a work-life balance, in line with Christian principles and practices

[G] Personal Qualities

All of the following personal qualities are considered to be essential for this post and will be assessed through interview and reference in respect of self and others:

A person able to demonstrate the values and ethos of a faith school, preferably a Practicing Christian

Communicate effectively in spoken word and in writing in a range of contexts and with sensitivity to the given audience

Relate constructively to all, inspiring confidence in others, whilst supporting own and others' personal flourishing

[H] Confidential References and Reports

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| A positive and supportive faith reference from a priest/minister who knows the applicant well | E |
| Positive recommendation from all referees, including current employer | E |
| A supportive reference from the Local Authority, if possible, or a further supportive professional reference | E |

[I] Application Form and Supporting Statement

The form must be fully completed and legible. The supporting statement should be clear, concise and related to the specific post in this church school, following the guidance outlined in the sections above.

The governors wish your supporting statement to be no more than 3 sides of A4, Ariel point 11.



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How to Apply

If you have any questions regarding the recruitment process or this vacancy, interested candidates should contact our Chair of Governors, Georgina James by email on G_A_H@Btinternet.com

Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the school and can make an appointment by contacting our Chair of Governors using the above email address or by telephone on 07794120104

We are looking for candidates to demonstrate how you meet the person specification in the application form, covering letter and on the selection days.

The closing date for applications is **10:00am on 10th January 2025**

Applicants are advised that the selection days have been scheduled to take place on 13th & 14th February 2025.

St George's CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

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Thank you for your interest in this role