



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

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Dear applicant,

On behalf of the Local Governing Body, we would like to thank you for your interest in the role of Headteacher at English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School, Sunderland.

English Martyrs' is a wonderful school that is enriched by our unique, vibrant and diverse community. Our school is built around the central values of the Gospels, and we aim to love, learn and grow together through Jesus Christ.

You may have noted that the school was inspected by Ofsted in February 2025 and was graded as a 'Good' school. The inspectors noted that the school is aspirational for all pupils. This is evidenced in the ambitious curriculum that the school has designed for its pupils. As a result, pupils, including those with SEND, make strong progress through the curriculum during their time at the school. Furthermore, a Section 48 inspection in May 2025 graded the school as 'Outstanding', stating that English Martyrs' 'is warm and welcoming with a tangible sense of community'. English Martyrs' is a school that continually strives for academic excellence, beginning with our Nursery provision.

We are therefore looking to appoint an enthusiastic school leader, who can seek to nurture the faith-filled community of English Martyrs' whilst striving continually to improve academic performance. We would ensure the continuous support of the successful applicant by a superb and dedicated staffing team and body of governors, who would seek to work in partnership towards our collective vision, to be a place where children can learn, develop and grow in a caring, nurturing environment, and where they can become successful, motivated learners and responsible citizens who can make a positive contribution to society and show respect to others.

Additional support will be provided by Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust where 'Excellence for everyone through learning, respect and partnership is at the heart'. The team of experts in the Central Team would also provide daily operational and educational support. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Deb Mollon, Executive Assistant to Brendan Tapping, CEO at dmollon@bccet.org.uk to arrange this.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Jake Kingsey
Chair of Governors