



*"My soul glorifies the Lord ..."* Luke 1:46

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Dear colleague

Thank you for the interest you have shown in the position of Headteacher at our school. I hope that you find the details in the application pack informative, and that they help you decide that Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School is the right school for the next step in your journey as a Catholic educator and leader. We have an ethos that is tangible from the moment you enter – calm, purposeful, and cooperative. We highly recommend that you visit the school in person before making your application – you will be warmly welcomed and have the opportunity to discover for yourself our wonderful children, staff, grounds and facilities.

At our last Ofsted inspection in December 2017, we were delighted to be rated as Outstanding. This was due to inspirational leadership and our hard-working, dedicated and devoted staff. The Senior Leadership Team is strong and supportive, and each plays their part to deliver excellent leadership and example to all, modelling and living out our ethos and the Gospel Values in everyday working.

The Catholic life of the school was also rated as outstanding by the Diocesan Inspection Team in January 2020.

The school converted to become a Voluntary Academy in April 2015 and is one of six schools (comprising two secondary and four primaries) which make up Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust. The six Headteachers work in close collaboration with each other as they look to drive and shape the future direction of the MAT.

We have an experienced, active and committed Local Governing Body with a good range of skills and a deep knowledge of the school. The governors are well aware of the challenges facing the education system in the future, and will provide the Head with strong and meaningful support.

The school is an important part of the local Catholic community and has good links to the parish church of St. Mary's. The parish priest is highly supportive of the school, and pupils enjoy regular visits to the church to celebrate Mass and key liturgical events.

We also engage with our local community in various projects and liaise with other schools in the Congleton area.

We are seeking a highly motivated Headteacher who is a practising Catholic with a deep and real faith; someone who will inspire staff to continue to achieve the highest quality teaching, and develop creativity and excitement in learning for all children; someone who is inspired by the spirit of Christ and who will relish the challenge of maintaining our very high academic standards, whilst ensuring we continue to lovingly nurture and develop the staff and pupils of Saint Mary's.

We are very proud of our achievements in recent years and believe that with the right leadership, we will continue to move the school forwards in providing an outstanding learning experience for every child, as well as being a thriving Catholic community. If you are a strong and professional leader with a clear sense of our purpose, we would love you to lead our happy school.

For more information about the school and for the application pack, please view our website at [www.saintmaryscongleton.co.uk](http://www.saintmaryscongleton.co.uk). As already mentioned, we warmly welcome and encourage a visit to the school. To arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 01260 274690.

Your application should be made on the CES application form enclosed in the pack. The closing date for applications is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, with shortlisting taking place on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** May. Interviews which will consist of various tasks will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

On behalf of the Local Governing Body of Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School, I once again thank you for your interest in our school. I hope you believe you would be happy, challenged and fulfilled at Saint Mary's, and that you could make a positive contribution to our school community. We very much look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Paul V Fagan  
Chair of Governors

***Saint Mary's is a Christ-centred learning community where all are safe, valued and loved.***