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Dear Applicant

On behalf of the Local Governance Committee (LGC), we would like to thank you for your interest in the role of Headteacher at Astbury St Mary's Church of England Primary School. Our school sits at the heart of its community, in a beautiful rural setting. Being over one hundred and eighty years old, we are part of the rich history of this locality, educating generations of families from the local community.

Astbury is a school shaped by its Christian foundation and guided by its vision of "Walk in love as Christ loves you" (Ephesians 5:2). This vision underpins every aspect of school life and reflects our commitment to nurturing the whole child so that they flourish academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Our Christian values of love, peace, self-control and kindness are evident in the daily life of the school and in the strong relationships between pupils, staff, families and the wider parish. We maintain strong links with our local church, St Mary's.

As a CDAT (Chester Diocesan Academies Trust) school, we can offer you excellent support networks whilst at the same time maintaining and promoting the individual character of our school. We look forward to discovering your gifts and skills and encouraging you to help us grow and develop for the future.

As governors, we are immensely proud of our pupils, who are happy, confident and eager to learn, and of our dedicated staff team, who work collaboratively and with genuine care for one another and the pupils. The school's half-form entry structure creates a close-knit environment where children are known as individuals, and staff are able to make a meaningful and lasting impact.

We are seeking a Headteacher who will lead with inspiration and compassion, embrace and promote the school's Christian ethos, and build on the strong foundations already established. The role offers exciting opportunities to shape the strategic direction of the school, develop the curriculum, nurture staff talent and further strengthen partnerships with parents, carers, the church and the wider community.

The LGC is committed to working in close partnership with the Headteacher, offering both challenge and support, and ensuring that staff well-being and professional development remain key priorities. We have a balanced membership on our LGC, including Foundation governors appointed by the Diocese, who ensure the school's Christian character.

If you are called to lead a Church of England school and are excited by the opportunity to help our community 'walk in love as Christ loves you', we would be delighted to hear from you. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged.

Yours faithfully,
Local Governance Committee
Astbury St Mary's Church of England Primary School