

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School



A welcome from the Chair of Governors

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for the interest you have shown in our advertisement for the position of Headteacher at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School. I am very pleased that you are considering applying to lead our wonderful school. This post has arisen as our current Headteacher has made the decision to retire at the end of this academic year.

I am very proud to be the Chair of Governors of a school that supports and cares for the well-being of children and staff alike. Parents and carers, staff and governors are proud to belong to the school. This is testament to the very good relationships we have established. Typically, parents' comment, 'We couldn't ask for a better school' and 100% of them would recommend it to others. This was highlighted in our Ofsted inspection: June 2018.

When you visit, you will find our school to be a warm, welcoming, and inclusive school, which values the contribution of all children, whatever their skills and interests. We encourage our children to accept and support everybody, whatever their differences or abilities, not only in school but also in the wider community. Our staff nurture and model positive relationships; as a result, our pupils listen well and value the opinions of others. We have an active School Council who work closely with the Senior Leadership team, ensuring the voice of the child has real impact.

The duty of ensuring that our school has the distinctive nature and ethos of a Catholic School is regarded as a very important and fundamental responsibility. The ethos of the school in all its spiritual, moral, and cultural aspects reflects the message proclaimed by Christ in the Gospels. These beliefs and values inform and unify every aspect of school life, providing for, and subsequently shaping the curriculum and so offering a living experience of the Christian way of life.

Our school is a one form entry school in Prescott, Knowsley. We currently have 204 pupils on roll and 21 attending nursery. We also offer a breakfast club for an hour before school and an after school club which is currently open until 5.30pm, both of which are run by our own staff.

The successful candidate will have the pleasure of working with an outstanding team of senior leaders, teachers, and support staff. In addition, you will have a governing body who will do our utmost to support you in your new role.

Our new Headteacher should be a strong, approachable, compassionate, and supportive leader who is passionate and knowledgeable about the pursuit of high-quality teaching and learning. They should recognise the strengths that exist in our wonderful school and be ready to enhance the excellent work already taking place whilst possessing a strategic vision that will take Our Lady's confidently forward to its next chapter. You will be able to find out much more about our school on our website <http://www.ourladyprescot.com/>

We very much welcome prospective applicants to visit the school to meet our fantastic children and staff. Please contact:

Margaret Rawsthorne, Clerk to the selection panel on 0151 477 8220 to arrange a visit.

Closing date: Noon on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Shortlisting: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Interviews: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

I would like to thank you again for your interest in the post and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Houghton  
Chair of Governors