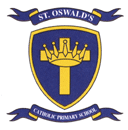
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**HEADTEACHER**

**Required for 1st April 2026**

**Group 2 Salary range L15-L21**

Due to the retirement of our highly valued and successful Headteacher, the Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, inspirational and dedicated person to lead our school community and to continue to develop our wonderful school.

**We wish to appoint:**

* a practising Catholic with a strong, lived faith and deep commitment to Catholic Education and the Catholic ethos of the school
* a person who values all children as individuals and ensures that all children are confident and able to achieve their full potential
* a role model with the vision and creativity to inspire and motivate others through their commitment and dedication to raising and maintaining high standards, ensuring that all children are able to flourish and reach their full potential;
* an experienced, and effective leader, with interpersonal skills to develop strong working relationships with our staff, pupils, parents, parish and governors;
* an aspirational leader who in ensures high-quality teaching and learning for all pupils using proven effective teaching methods whilst also prioritising importance of pupil and staff wellbeing.

Our Children would like someone whohas all the qualities that are most important to them. They are looking for a leader who is kind, fair, and respectful, someone who treats everyone with equal care and respect. It is important that they have a generous spirit, are always helpful, and show them how to be hardworking by setting a good example. Our children would love a Headteacher who is fun, friendly and approachable, so they feel comfortable sharing our ideas and thoughts. Of course, they need to follow our school’s mission statement and rules, but they also hope they bring new ideas to help our school become even better. Most of all, the children want a Headteacher who listens to them and takes their opinions seriously, showing that their voices really matter.

**In return we can offer:**

* a school that nurtures and celebrates the Catholic faith and ethos, where faith and learning are intertwined;
* An experienced and dedicated family of teachers and support staff who are committed to supporting, nurturing, and providing quality education to our pupils’
* Happy, confident and enthusiastic children who enjoy learning;
* strong support from a highly effective and supportive Governing Body.

You will need to be able to demonstrate a commitment to Catholic faith, further information can be found in the ‘Catholic schools’ definition of a practising Catholic’.

Interested candidates are strongly encouraged to visit the school. Please contact the school office on 01942 724820 to make an appointment.

Application packs are available from and returnable to [michelle.foster@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.foster@wigan.gov.uk) or Michelle Foster, Clerk to the Selection Panel, Governor Services, 2nd Floor, Life Centre South, College Avenue, Wigan WN1 1NZ.

**Closing** **date**: Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 12 midnight

**Shortlisting**: Wednesday 26th November 2025

**Interviews**: Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December 2025

The post is likely to come under the requirements of the Childcare (Disqualification) 2009 Regulation, and the successful applicant will be required to complete a declaration form to establish whether they are disqualified under these regulations.

St Oswald’s Catholic 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. Enhanced checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) will be required for this post. Online searches may also be undertaken for shortlisted candidates.