



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"LOVE TO LEARN AND LEARN TO LOVE"



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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School – School Information for Job Applicants

The school is a primary school of approximately 221 pupils, set in the large Warwickshire village of Studley. Close to the border of Worcestershire, it takes a high proportion of its mainly Catholic pupils from the neighbouring county. We currently have a single form intake of 30 children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and have the capacity to increase the number of pupils to 34 in Key Stage 2 classes.

St Mary's works increasingly as part of a cluster of schools, within Studley and its environs, including Studley Infant School and High School, amongst others. St Mary's Catholic Primary feeds into St Benedict's in Alcester, although some of our children go to Alcester Grammar and Studley High. The school prides itself on its strong links with the parish of St Mary's, but also has strong ecumenical connections with the local Baptist and Anglican churches.

The school, in both its last Ofsted inspection (July 2011) and Section 48 inspection (April 2016) was deemed to be an outstanding school. Quality staff are retained and encouraged to take on roles within the school to drive up attainment. The governors take a proactive role in the strategic work of the school; and regularly attend assemblies, Masses, fund raising events as well as helping the Senior Leadership Team lead the school improvement work. . We do have an active and enthusiastic PTA, who work well with the governors and the wider parish and help to raise funds for school projects.

The Governing body is made up of elected parent governors, staff governors, foundation governors, a local authority governor and the Head Teacher.

The school has undergone a transformation over the last few years with over £1 million spent on building and refurbishment, thanks to the generosity of the Diocese and the ceaseless work of staff, Governors and the PTA.

Our staff consist of a Head and Deputy who make up the SLT, and 5 other full-time teachers, 3 part time teachers who job share and 9 teaching assistants, two of whom are HLTAs. We have a part time SENDCO; a business manager, and part time office staff. We also have a team of dinner staff who cook lunches on site.

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The school has been recognised and accredited with an array of awards, including, a member of the Erasmus Project, Eco School, Healthy School and NACE Award. More recently we were one of the first primary schools to be awarded with The Cross of Nails award.

The governors own and assist in running a before and after school club, for the benefit of the school called Little Oaks, which can be accessed by parents and the local community. From September 2018 we extended our childcare provision and opened Little St Mary's Nursery aimed at 3 to 4 year olds, which has thrived.

We are a forward and outward looking school. The staff, governors and pupils really do try to live up to the School's ethos, of "Love to learn – Learn to love".

Please take the opportunity to have a look at our website, which includes, amongst many other things a copy of our prospectus. <http://www.stmarysrcstudley.co.uk/>

Potential applicants are strongly advised to contact the school business manager by email smith.k12@welearn365.com to arrange an informal discussion with a member of the SLT.

I am truly proud to be connected with and have an opportunity to represent this lovely school.

Sarah Coyne
Chair of Governors