



Application Pack

School Administrator



Welcome from the Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in the advertised role of School Administrator at St Francis RC Primary School. Emmaus CAT (Diocese of Salford) is a growing Catholic Academy Trust with a footprint covering Manchester, Oldham, Stockport, Tameside and Trafford.

We believe that the School Administrator will contribute significantly to the individual journey of the school, and the CAT as a whole over the coming months and years, and we are excited for the future of the Emmaus Catholic family of schools.

Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust is one of three Catholic Academy Trusts serving the Diocese of Salford. The Diocese of Salford provides Catholic Academy Trusts, schools and colleges for the following reasons:

- To assist in the mission of making Christ known to all people;
- To assist parents, who are the prime educators of their children, in the education and religious formation of their children;
- To be of service to the local Church – the Diocese – the Parish and the Christian home;
- To be of service to society.

The LGB, leadership team and community of St Francis RC Primary School are very much looking forward to recruiting a highly effective School Administrator. The successfully appointed candidate will join the St Francis RC Primary School community, ensuring that children and pupils get the very best Catholic education and formation for years to come.

Emmaus CAT is an integral part of The Right Rev John Arnold, Bishop of Salford's vision for the Diocese of Salford to 'Rebuild the Church, fit for future generations'. We look forward to working collaboratively with the successful candidate, ensuring that a wide range of support is in place to enable the provision of great schools, strong in faith, serving society.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Anderson
Chair of Directors

Daniel Copley
CSEL/CEO



MISSION

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The Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust Prayer

Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus,
Guide us on the path toward our destination,
and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune
with you.
Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around
us;
open our hearts, so we may receive your peace
and love; and empower us to pass on to others
the grace you have shared with us so freely.
Amen.

VISION

Our aim is simple; to ensure we have great schools, strong in faith, serving society.

We will enable our schools to provide great Catholic education across Greater Manchester.

As one Catholic Academy Trust we will work collegially to ensure that children get the very best Catholic education and faith formation.

STRATEGY

Strategic Focus 1

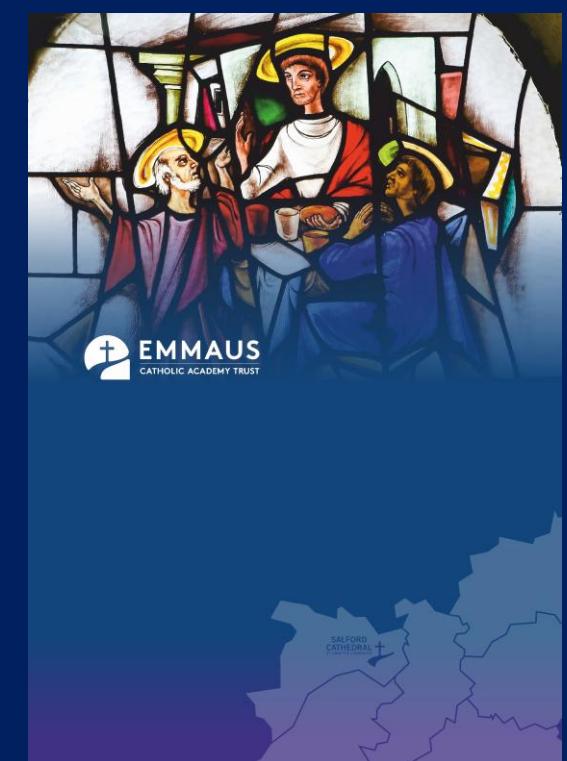
Mission. To promote a distinctive Catholic Mission and culture to ensure Emmaus CAT continues to be Strong in Faith.

Strategic Focus 2

Quality of Education. To ensure Emmaus CAT enables great schools to provide an ambitious curriculum for all pupils to flourish and Serve Society.

Strategic Focus 3

Academy Improvement. To build strong and sustainable infrastructure, making effect use of resources, enabling the Emmaus CAT school communities to Serve Society.





St Francis RC Primary School
Ellenbrook Close
Gorton
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Welcome message – We believe that with God everything is within our reach

On behalf of our whole school community may I offer you a very warm welcome to our wonderful school. We are a friendly and happy one form entry primary school in Gorton, East Manchester.

As a Catholic School, we come together daily to celebrate our love of God and each other. We are part of The Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust and our school has strong links with Salford Diocese, our parish and the wider community. We are a vibrant multicultural, multiethnic and multi faith inclusive Catholic school. We celebrate diversity and our aim is to provide a rich, broad and holistic education where all children feel secure, nurtured and cherished.

We aim high for every child and we believe, that with God, everything is in our reach.

We are a very friendly and welcoming team who are always willing to help and support each child and their family. Our pupils are friendly, polite and caring, they work hard, make progress and enjoy their learning.

Our Governing Board is very supportive and pro-active; we have full membership and Governors regularly visit school. They also support all events throughout the year and attend full governors' meetings each term. The Chairs meets with the Head monthly to ensure the strategic development of the school.

We have a Pupil Chaplaincy team who support the Catholic life of the school and enhance the spiritual life of our school family. We have an active School Council with representatives from Year 1-Year 6 who meet regularly and make exciting decisions about our school. We have an Eco Team who focus on Caring for our Common home and the environment.

We welcome you to come and experience for yourself the very special spirit that is recognised by all who visit



School Administrator

Salary: £25,045 Actual Salary approx.



The Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust and local governing body of St Francis RC Primary School are dedicated to providing an outstanding Catholic education to our children and pupils. We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed School Administrator to join our friendly team.

Could this be you?

If it was you, you would:

- Be practising catholic or willing to support the catholic ethos of the school
- Be prepared to work collaboratively with our experienced and highly skilled staff
- Have numeracy/literacy skills at GCSE level 4 or above
- Have excellent behaviour management skills
- Have high expectations of pupils' achievement
- Be able to support children in addressing gaps in their learning

If so, we can offer you:

- A deeply supportive Senior Leadership and staff team
- Enthusiastic and talented children who are keen to learn
- Opportunities to develop your skills and the chance to make a difference

**Please contact Mrs O'Dwyer. Headteacher
for further details and application form.**

Contract/Hours of work:

Permanent / 35 hours per week Term Time Only +5 days

Salary:

NJC Grade 3 SCP 4 -6 £25,045 Actual Salary approx.

Location:

St Francis RC Primary School
Ellenbrook Close
Gorton
Manchester
M12 5LZ

Line Management:

Accountable to Office Manager and Headteacher

Key contacts:

Headteacher/SLT/School staff

Responsibilities See Job Description

Closing date for applications: Monday 23rd February 2026 at 9am

Interviews will take place on w/c 2nd March 2026



School Administrator

Job Description

The post holder will report directly to the Office Manager and Headteacher.

Main Purpose:

The School Administrator is responsible for supporting the administrative, financial and organisational processes within the school. They will also act as the initial point of contact for parents/carers, visitors and other stakeholders, so will be an ambassador for the school and embody the value, vision and ethos of the school in all interactions.

Key responsibilities:

The following is typical of duties the post holder will perform; however, it is not necessarily exhaustive and other duties of a similar level and nature may be required from time to time.

1. General Administration

- Update manual and computerised record/information systems
- Update and maintain the school calendar
- Assist with managing the school's email inbox, ensuring the school meets its expected response times and that emails are forwarded to the relevant staff member as necessary
- Manage and organise completed forms from parents and carers
- Report any issues with the school's IT systems
- Organise and distribute incoming and outgoing post
- Provide administrative support to staff as needed
- Book training courses for all staff
- Order, monitor and manage stock, ensuring best value following the school's purchasing processes
- Carry out filing, printing and photocopying. Maintain the operation of the printer and photocopier to ensure it's ready to use at all times, resolving any issues as necessary
- Assist with organising parents' evenings and other meetings and events, including the organisation of rooms and equipment, and providing refreshments as required
- Keep records in accordance with the school's record retention schedule and data protection law, ensuring information security and confidentiality at all times

2. Attendance administration

- Monitor and maintain an accurate record of pupil attendance, producing reports as necessary
- Monitor the late arrival of pupils and contact parents/carers to identify reasons for non-attendance, ensuring all safeguarding procedures are followed

3. Reception

- Act as the first point of contact for parents/carers and visitors arriving at the school
- Deal with telephone and face-to-face enquiries efficiently and in a professional and supportive manner
- Seek support from other colleagues where necessary to respond to complex enquiries
- Respond to messages promptly and accurately, passing on information to relevant staff members as necessary
- Assist staff and pupils with the information and support they need

4. Safeguarding

- Control access to the school in line with the school's safeguarding procedures, including signing in visitors, checking identification as necessary, issuing passes and notifying them of safeguarding and safety procedures
- Be alert to unknown individuals on the school premises and report any concerns in line with the school's procedures
- Administer the school's filtering and monitoring system for online safety, and escalate any safeguarding concerns following the correct safeguarding procedures

5. Written communication

- Write and send email responses that are professional and uphold the school's vision and values
- Update and distribute online and offline communications (e.g. letters, newsletters, social media posts, etc.) to parents, staff and other stakeholders
- Assist with marketing and promoting the school



6. Finance

- Enter data into the school's finance systems and produce reports as necessary
- Collect, record and issue receipts for payments from parents and carers
- Carry out financial administration in line with the school's procedures

Other Responsibilities

- Adhere to all CAT-wide policies and procedures.
- Take responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all pupils.
- Demonstrate commitment to the Equal Opportunities Policy, to work positively and inclusively with colleagues.
- Work flexibly in the interests of the service (this may include undertaking other duties provided that these are appropriate to the employee's background, skills and abilities or attending events outside of normal working hours, with notice and upon agreement).
- Occasional travel between different sites of Emmaus CAT as required (all schools are within the Salford Diocese covering Manchester, Stockport, Trafford, Tameside and Oldham).
- Actively participate in performance reviews at regular intervals in accordance with CAT-wide procedures.
- Undertake training courses organised by the CAT where these will assist in the carrying out of the above duties, develop skills which may be required to fulfil those duties in the future or are required to fulfil legal requirements.
- Demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct as defined in the Emmaus CAT Code of Conduct Policy.
- Be aware of and comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health and safety, security, confidentiality and data protection. Reporting any and all concerns to an appropriate person as soon as they arise.
- Attend and participate in relevant meetings as required.
- Participate and take an active role in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.

- Support the profile of the CAT with key stakeholders, local, national and international bodies and professional sectors.
- Work as part of a team to support colleagues and contribute to the vision and mission of the CAT.

Safeguarding

- Draw attention to best practice in Emmaus CAT to support other schools and encourage links with local agencies that may deliver additional resources to the schools or families.
- Assist with and ensure that all schools comply with safer recruitment procedures and that induction includes a specific focus on safeguarding.
- Emmaus CAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people at all times. You will be responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of all children with whom you come into contact, in accordance with the CAT's and the school's safeguarding policies. The post holder is required to obtain a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- Assist with ensuring that schools implement the equality, diversity and inclusion strategy ensuring that every learner in the CAT has a positive experience.
- Look outward to other education settings in seeking to ensure best practice is maintained in all Emmaus CAT schools and settings.
- To support, recruit, manage, develop and motivate a committed, effective and diverse workforce that understands its roles and enables and promotes high quality learning.
- To ensure the development of positive solutions to achieving diversity, dignity and equality in all aspects of service delivery and engagement with the broader community.

General

- Actively contribute to and promote the overall ethos and values of each school and the wider CAT.
- Maintain consistently high standards of professional conduct, tact and diplomacy at all times in dealing with pupils, parents, staff and colleagues, external agencies and any other visitors to the school or Emmaus CAT.
- Maintain absolute confidentiality and exercise discretion with regard to staff/pupil information and the CAT's business at all times.
- Act as an ambassador for the Diocese, schools and the wider CAT within the local community and beyond, ensure that the ethos and values of Emmaus CAT are promoted and upheld at all times.
- Undertake any other reasonable tasks and responsibilities requested by the Emmaus CAT Board, CEO or Trust Central Executive team which fall within the scope of the post.
- Display resilience, motivation and commitment to support Emmaus CAT schools and being of service to the Diocese of Salford and its Catholic Community.
- Be flexible and proactive in meeting the needs of the CAT.
- Emmaus CAT and its employees are expected to support the Catholic aims and visions of the CAT, however, there is no requirement to be a practicing Catholic.

Other

The above list is not exclusive or exhaustive, and Emmaus CAT may require the post holder to undertake duties commensurate with the level of the role. As part of your wider duties and responsibilities, you are required to promote and actively support the Emmaus CAT's responsibilities towards safeguarding.

Safeguarding is about keeping people safe and protecting people from harm, neglect, abuse and injury. It is about creating safe places, being vigilant and doing something about any concerns you might have. It is not just about the very old and the very young, it is about everyone who may be vulnerable.

Method of Working

Emmaus Catholic Academy Trust expects all staff to work effectively as part of a team or teams. As a minimum, this requires a clear appreciation of the Catholic faith, our special ethos and commitment to serving society, dealing with people politely and tactfully, communicating with colleagues both formally and informally, modelling the Catholic Education Service and the Emmaus CAT's Code of Conduct and reflecting the Diocesan values. You must carry out your duties with due regard to current and future policies, procedures and relevant legislation. These will be drawn to your attention in your induction, ongoing performance reviews and through Emmaus CAT communications. All staff are required to maintain confidentiality as required.

Public Relations

Considerable importance is attached to the public relations aspect of all work undertaken by Emmaus CAT staff.

It is a prime objective therefore that staff will at all times project to the public the image of the Emmaus CAT as keen to assist wherever possible, and positively promote the work that is carried out.

This job description forms part of the contract of employment of the person appointed to the post. It reflects the position at the present time only and may be reviewed in negotiation with the employee in the future. Appointment is subject to the current conditions of employment in the Joint National Council Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Service Handbook (the Green Book)



Person Specification

Qualifications	Essential/Desirable
GCSE English and maths (or equivalent)	E
First Aid training or willingness to complete it	D
Experience	
Experience of working in an administrative role/capacity	E
Experience of dealing with face to face or telephone interactions	E
Experience of working within a team	E
Experience of working in a school/education establishment or with children or young people	D
Skills and Aptitudes	
Good oral and written communication skills	E
Ability to respond quickly and effectively to issues that arise	E
Ability to plan, organise and prioritise to meet deadlines	E
Ability to use own initiative and take action accordingly	E
Ability to use IT packages including word processing, spreadsheets and presentation software	E
Ability to build effective working relationships with colleagues	E
Commitment to maintaining confidentiality at all times	E
Understanding of and commitment to safeguarding and equality	E
Special Requirements	
Satisfactory enhanced clearance with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)	E
Pre-Employment Health Check	E
An appropriate understanding of child protection and data protection	E
Willingness to undertake further training	E

HOW TO APPLY



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Applications need to be made using the CES application form, available from the school website.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Closing date: Monday 23rd February 2026 at 9am

Interviews will take place: W/C: Monday 2nd March 2026

Please return completed application forms and supporting documents to Mrs Anne O'Dwyer, Headteacher
head@stfrancisrcps.co.uk



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