

St Thomas' Moorside C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

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Dear Colleague

Welcome to St Thomas' Moorside CE VA Primary School and thank you for your interest in us.

Our Christian Vision encapsulates our core beliefs as follows:

At St Thomas' Moorside, our school is grounded on friendship towards everyone we meet, on trust between children, staff and the wider community and on compassion shown through empathy for all. Our vision is for all members of our school community to be equipped to serve in God's world and live life to its fullest.

'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Mark 12:31

St Thomas' Moorside is a single form entry primary school which serves the Sholver and Moorside areas of Oldham. We are a diverse and inclusive school with an increasing number of different languages being spoken by our school community. In September 2025 our newly built resourced provision unit, The Haven, will open. The unit caters for up to 12 children with social, communication needs or ASD and allows children to access both individualised learning and to benefit from working alongside their peers in our mainstream classrooms.

Alongside our sister federative school, East Crompton St James; we care for, nurture and develop the whole child while improving aspirations, learning and achievement for all. In addition to ensuring each student's academic potential, we also prepare them to be socially responsible citizens who can flourish in society and give back to their local community. We seek to remove any barriers of inequity, which prevent equality of opportunity so that all of our children can aspire and be inspired to realise their dreams.

Our school has a strong sense of community, purpose and belonging. We value our pupils and recognise that success looks and feels different for each one of them. However, what is consistent is our team of passionate, enthusiastic and committed staff who work relentlessly in the pursuit of excellence for the pupils and community we serve.

We have a strong commitment and belief in developing staff at all levels. We seek to recruit and retain colleagues whose drivers match our federative and school ethos and are committed to their own professional development. Successful candidates will receive a high-quality induction and continuous development programmes alongside opportunities to contribute to whole school and federation impact projects throughout their Doveshell careers.

I hope you find this application pack helpful in making your decision to apply for this exciting career opportunity. If you have any questions for us, do get in touch, we are always here to help.

I would like to thank you for your application, investment of time and - whatever the outcome - I wish you well in the future.

Yours sincerely

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