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“Everyone matters in God’s world”

St. John’s Church of England Primary School, Blackpool

Dear candidate,

I want to thank you for your interest in the Head Teacher post at our school, and to offer you a warm welcome should you wish to apply. Following the promotion of the previous post holder to another school, the Governors are seeking to appoint a creative and inspirational Head Teacher. You will need to lead the whole school focusing on our vision *“A Christian school built on Limitless Learning principles with a can do culture”* which is underpinned by our school values.

The school has been graded as *“Good”* by Ofsted and *“Outstanding”* by the Diocesan National Society inspectors who stated that: *“The Christian vision of the headteacher, senior leadership team and the governors drives the school forward. This vision is discussed with the school community and is shared and fully embedded into all areas of school life”*. The whole school community has worked together to ensure that this has continued and standards are continually improved and the pupils remain happy and secure.

Our modern school building, built in 2009, is the subject of much interest in the community - the old building which was established in 1815 (Blackpool’s first Free School) sadly had ceased to be fit for purpose. The modern school was built on the same site and is fully equipped for IT technology, planned for broad community use including a hall with sound and lighting facilities, and play space on multi-level decking.

As a Church of England Primary School, our purpose is to develop all pupils as successful, employable learners: responsible, resilient, adaptable and confident who have an understanding that *“Everyone Matters in Gods World”* (Mission Statement). Blackpool is one of the most deprived areas in England with a complex range of issues. Whilst we are aware of our families' socio-economic circumstances, our ambition is to reach and exceed national standards of attainment so that our pupils are able to ‘thrive’ ... in a high achieving, happy learning community'. **We want to raise pupil and family aspirations, secure a commitment to lifelong learning and enable this generation to significantly improve the quality of their lives.**

Our school is committed to ensuring that every child reaches their full potential through an exciting and innovative curriculum and high quality learning. We aim to provide the perfect conditions for learning as we believe that how children learn is as important as what they learn. We use highly developed assessment procedures which takes into account every individual child along with an enriched curriculum which includes outdoor learning experiences and the development of emotional competencies.

We really value our position as a Christian school, and the children's warmth, sense of fun and their willingness to go the extra mile are evidence of the ethos which permeates the whole environment. The children enjoy their visits to worship at St. John's Church for the various festivals, and through assemblies and Religious Education they are encouraged to explore their own personal response to the Christian faith. The clergy take an active part in school life.

In the context of my experience as a Governor of St. John's, I consider that our position is now the strongest ever. Our value added scores at the end of Key Stage 2 have been well above National Average for the last 3 years.

If you are successful in your application you can expect to be working with a highly motivated staff and an experienced and committed Governing Board, and there are of course support networks within the Local Authority and the Diocese to assist you. Also as a strategic lead in The Blackpool Teaching School Alliance you will have opportunities to be actively involved in making a difference to other colleagues and schools in Blackpool.

With Christ at the centre of everything we do we want a Head Teacher who is passionate about making a difference, puts children at the heart of every decision, is visible and inspires everyone around them to constantly reflect on pedagogy and innovate to ensure that children, staff and families get nothing but the best. They deserve it!

I look forward to meeting you should you decide to pursue your application for our post.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Blackburn (Mrs)
Chair of Governing Board