



St John's Vicarage
32 Forest Gate
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Dear potential applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at St John's Church of England Primary School. St John's Church takes a great deal of interest in the life and witness of the school, and we are praying for the right candidate to be appointed to this important leadership role.

St John's church is a living church, where our members have a real and living faith in Jesus Christ. We seek to be active in sharing the wonderful Good News that Jesus is God's son who died to set us free from sin and gives us the opportunity to experience 'life in fullness'.

Our relationship with St John's school is important to us as church. We pray regularly for the staff and children, in our worship and in our other meetings. We lead collective worship most Thursdays, and welcome the children, staff and parents into school for Harvest, Christmas, Easter and Year 6 Leaver's celebrations. Children visit school at other times during the year too.

Our weekly 'Chill Zone' ministry to young families meets in school each week and has become a place where those who are open to learning more about the Christian faith in an informal, caring setting can come and share time together.

We are currently recruiting a full time 'Children & Families Pastor', which is funded for 3 years. That post will seek to strengthen church- school relations and will work with church and school leadership to establish a midweek expression of worship accessible to children and their families.

The Vicar and PCC are responsible for appointing 'Foundation Governors' to the governing body, and we are committed to only appointing governors who will support the school's very clear Christian ethos.

St John's School is a dynamic Christian community. I hope this letter has shown you that this a place where Jesus is present and at work. As you explore whether God is calling you to lead that community, be assured of our prayers, and our commitment to support and work with you if you are successful.

Yours faithfully,

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