



St Columba's Catholic Primary School

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Deputy Headteacher

Permanent Full Time Contract

Salary: Range L6 £53,380 – L10 £58,959 – (point scale dependent on experience)

NOR: 239 (including nursery) Required September 2024

Due to the promotion of the present post holder. The governors of St Columba's Catholic Primary School, wish to invite applications from practising Catholics with successful senior leadership and management experience for the post of Deputy Head to join the School's Leadership and Management team at this well-established, successful and happy school.

St Columba Catholic Primary is a GOOD School, which is OUTSTANDING in Personal Development.

"Pupils are at the heart of all the school does. They are happy and enjoy learning in a school where they feel safe and secure...The school's provision for pupil's personal development is excellent. Pupils are ambitious and have high aspirations for the future." (Ofsted March 2020)

Our school is renowned for its welcoming and nurturing ethos. All visitors will be guaranteed the warmest of welcomes. The school has an excellent reputation with parents, parish and the wider community, particularly in regard to our Catholic ethos and the 'exemplary and exceptional' care, guidance and support we give our children and their families. There are no barriers in our school, we unite together, to fulfil our mission.

St Columba's is an Outstanding Catholic School.

"Pupils are happy, confident and secure in their own stage of physical, emotional and spiritual growth.... Uniqueness and difference are celebrated." (Archdiocese of Liverpool Inspection report 2019)

We would like to appoint a dynamic, committed and innovative leader with a resilient character, strong personal drive and bags of great ideas. The main priorities of this post are to ensure effective teaching and learning across the school and secure excellent outcomes for all our pupils.

We want someone who:

- **Has a clear vision for how to further improve the quality of teaching and learning across the school and be a key driver in this process.**
- **Is a highly motivated and inspirational teacher with a successful track record in working with children with a wide range of educational needs.**
- **Is a strategic thinker, able to lead, inspire and motivate both staff and pupils.**
- **Can demonstrate excellent interpersonal, organisational and communication skills.**
- **Can build warm, positive and inclusive relationships with all staff, pupils and parents.**
- **Is committed to making a difference to the lives and achievements of all pupils at St Columba's.**

We would particularly welcome applications from candidates who have the skills and drive to lead the St Columba Curriculum, alongside English and PE.



Our children would like the following:



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We are looking for a helping hand who will not only love our school community but who is willing to become a light by helping to carry the flame of the Holy Spirit alongside our newly appointed Head Teacher.

You will be an inspiring and motivating helper who helps staff and children through good times and bad.

You will fit into our well-oiled machine and work as a crucial part of it by ensuring that all parts are running happily and smoothly.

You must be grateful, kind, trustworthy and loyal. A great deputy will be somebody who enjoys speaking to the children and staff, listens to them and asks about their family and interests. You will lead us all to be the best that we can be.

God will have created you with good listening ears to listen to our problems, a lovely smile to greet children and families each morning, a kind and caring heart that is ready to be filled with pride and love, and a clear voice that loves to sing and teach.

We want you to enjoy being a part of our school family as much as we do so we want you to get excited about our achievements, recognise our talents and inspire us to push ourselves towards our goals.



The school community of St Columba's can offer:

A caring and safe school with a warm and nurturing ethos rooted in the Catholic faith, plus:

- An innovative, dedicated and supportive Leadership Team that challenges itself every day to make a difference to the lives of our children.
- Friendly colleagues who work exceptionally hard and are committed to providing high quality education and experiences for all children.
- Happy, well behaved and enthusiastic pupils
- A range of exciting professional development opportunities.

We strongly recommend you arrange a visit to our school.

DATE AND TIME OF VISIT: Wednesday 17th April at 1:30pm.

Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a visit. We will also try to accommodate any further dates if this date is not convenient.

Please contact School: 0151 477 8360.

Candidates should evidence their strengths throughout the CES application and **address the person specification**. Application forms and person specification are available from the school office or via the school website www.stcolumbasknowsley.co.uk

Shortlisted candidates prior to interview, will be visited in their current educational setting following permission from their current headteacher.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service and satisfactory references. By engaging in this recruitment process, shortlisted candidates consent to an online search in line with the Keeping Children Safe in Education Statutory Guidance. Only completed Catholic Education Service (CES) applications will be considered.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 18th April 2024 @ 4pm.

Shortlisting will take place on: Friday 19th April 2024 @ 1pm.

Teaching and learning observations will take place on: Thursday 9th May 2024.

(Candidates who have been unsuccessful at this stage will be informed and will not be taken through to the interview stage).

Interviews will take place on: Friday 17th May 2024.

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