



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

*Loving and learning through faith, family and friendship*

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the post of Headteacher at St. Catherine's School. The Governors are looking to appoint an inspirational Headteacher who will embrace our ethos, values and vision and continue the success of our retiring Headteacher who joined us when the school was experiencing some serious weaknesses.

Since 2013, when the school was judged inadequate by OFSTED Inspectors, we have been on a journey of rapid improvement under her leadership. We are very proud of the successes of our school since that time. The new Headteacher will join a good school with a strong Catholic ethos and a committed community of staff, pupils, governors and parents who work tirelessly to ensure that St Catherine's continues to flourish and grow. Visitors to our school always comment on the warm and friendly welcome they receive and are impressed by our children who are well behaved, articulate and enthusiastically proud of being part of the St. Catherine's family. Pupils have high expectations and aspirations in all aspects of their learning.

The staff believe in providing children with opportunities to be lifelong learners and outdoor education plays a major part of the experiences through our popular Forest Schools provision. We also excel in Music and Sport. Our choirs have been regional winners in the 'Last Choir Singing' competition and we have been Cross Country Leyland and District champions over a number of years. Mental Health and wellbeing of all children has been a focus of our recent work and this has resulted in the Governors funding the post of a Family Support Worker and an E.L.S.A. trained member of staff. The school is also actively involved with the KidSafe Programme.

Our school building houses a successful Independent Nursery and an Independent Breakfast and Afternoon School Club, both of which are valued by parents and provide revenue for the school. St Catherine's also has an active PTFA, which supports school and its families.

We play an active role in the local community too. The school has good links with St. Mary's High School and works collaboratively with the Leyland Schools Cluster and with the local Archdiocesan Headteachers. We believe that St Catherine's is a very special place of learning with wonderful pupils, families and staff. This vacancy is a great opportunity for someone to lead a happy and professional school community. The Governing Body is very supportive and we look forward to working with our new Headteacher at this next stage of our journey.

Yours Faithfully

Josie O' Brien  
Chair of Governors

