

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the position of Headteacher. We hope you find the enclosed information useful and that you will have the opportunity to visit the school.

St Mary's school is situated on the edge of the town of Bacup and adjacent to open countryside. We have excellent links with our Parish community of St Mary and St Anselm and pride ourselves on serving both the children of the immediate locality and the Catholic children of the wider parish area.

St Mary's is part of Romero Catholic Academy Trust which consists of four primary schools and two secondary schools, including our secondary partner school, All Saints. As part of the Trust, you will be supported by the board of directors as well as the local governing body, with the opportunity to work closely with the other schools within this rapidly growing trust.

St Mary's a one-form entry school with a 52 place, self-contained but adjoining Nursery which draws children from across the town, many of whom continue their education at the school. The social and personal development of our children is of great importance to us, as is their academic achievement. We aim to provide a stable, caring, supportive and Christian environment in which they can flourish and develop in the knowledge that each child is valued.

St Mary's caters for 189 children between the ages of three and eleven years. Following a recent Section 48 inspection in June 2018 we were judged to be a 'Good' Catholic school, this was swiftly followed by Ofsted's Section 5 inspection in October 2018 where the school was graded in 'Good' in all areas. We invite you to read the full reports which are available on the school website. We are very proud of the rapid improvement which has been made at St Mary's, this was possible because of the highly dedicated staff and governors, who work tirelessly to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils. Following the promotion of the existing post holder to a larger primary school, the school is seeking to appoint a committed and ambitious senior leader to continue to drive standards and provide an excellent education to our pupils. Our aim is to develop the whole child so that they can reach their individual potential both socially and academically. Social, emotional development is at the centre of all our work at St Mary's as we serve an area of high deprivation, however our aspirations for these children are exceptionally high.

We look forward to your application,

Yours sincerely,



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CEO Romero Catholic Academy Trust