

St. Thomas' Catholic Primary School

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Dear Applicant,

The Governing Body welcomes your interest in becoming our next headteacher.

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School is a one form entry school situated in the cathedral city of Canterbury, a former site of pilgrimage, where Roman walls encircle its medieval centre. Our school is a welcoming, diverse community which places Christ at its centre. Governors and staff are privileged to be a part of this school which has served the local community since 1870. St Thomas' has a high proportion of Catholic children in attendance, and children from other faiths which greatly enriches our school community with our children learning to respect and appreciate other cultures and faiths, preparing them for the world in which we live. Adding to our diversity, more than 50% of our children have a stated home language in addition to speaking English, and there are over twenty home languages spoken in St Thomas'. We feel very fortunate to have this multicultural community. As our Mission Statement reads:

'At St. Thomas', we create an atmosphere which is aspirational and where we celebrate our unity in Christ through our diversity'

We recognise the important role schools play in ensuring that pupils develop into ethical and responsible members of society. We expect our children to 'ACT' the St. Thomas' way, to be 'Aspirational', 'Christ centred' and to work and play cooperatively, 'Togetherness'.

We have strong links with our parish, with our parish priest Canon Anthony Charlton serving as a foundation governor and our children regularly attending mass in our parish church, St Thomas of Canterbury.

The appointed headteacher will be a practising Catholic with a strong personal faith, a passion for pastoral care, with vision and commitment in driving forward the school's distinctive Catholic ethos. One who will share our values and ambitions for our school, children, staff, and the whole school community; one who will be an exceptional leader with the vision to build upon our successes and carry this forward into the future. We wish to appoint a headteacher who will strive to achieve the very best outcomes for all our pupils, enabling each child to achieve their full potential.

You are warmly invited to visit St Thomas' prior to making an application. Visits are planned for 16th and 17th July and 4th and 5th September 2025. Please contact me to arrange a visit on the email address below.

We look forward to receiving your application.

With best wishes,

Gillian Milroy

Chair of Governors

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