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To all potential applicants

We very much hope that you will consider applying for the post of Headteacher at Tunstall Church of England Primary School.

Headship in a church school is an absorbing and rewarding vocation that requires leaders who are hopeful and compassionate, with the wisdom and courage to make complex decisions. They foster a Christian vision that is rooted theologically and permeates school life, recognise their responsibility to prioritise the vulnerable and transform injustice, and embrace the gifts and mutual strength of belonging and working in community.

The Children, Young People and Education team in Canterbury Diocese serves both Church of England schools (105 in total, educating approximately 26,000 pupils) and parish ministers and volunteers from 204 parishes. Our team fulfils the statutory responsibilities of the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education (CDBE) and provides guidance, support and expertise on issues ranging from Collective Worship to Religious Education, from school organisation to buildings, and from governance to admissions. We offer individual advice and in-person or online networks and training for governors, clergy and school staff, in addition to leadership development and well-being opportunities for headteachers.

Were you to be appointed we would invite you to induction sessions and make every effort to provide encouragement, information and a 'listening ear' as you lead your school; all of this is designed to better equip you to meet ongoing challenges and opportunities.

The CDBE works closely with the Church of England Education Office, Kent County Council and the DfE Regions Group, advocating for church schools within the emerging political and educational landscape and promoting strategy in their best interests. We also work co-operatively with the neighbouring Diocese of Rochester and dioceses across the South-East and nationally, in ensuring that church schools remain at the forefront of educational good practice, underpinned by a distinctive Christian ethos.

We will be meeting short-listed candidates as we advise the governing body throughout the interview and selection process, and look forward to welcoming the successful candidate to the family of Church of England schools within our diocese.

With all good wishes,

Quentin Roper
Diocesan Director of Education