

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is now almost a week since you will have received the news that Mr White will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to take up the position of Headteacher at St Vincent de Paul school in September. I know you will all join me in wishing Mr White well as he embarks on this new stage of his career and we look forward to hearing of the continued success of St Vincent de Paul school. It's a very exciting time for Catholic education in Stevenage – one which we will all have the opportunity to celebrate with Mr White as the summer term draws to a close.

The Governing Body has formed a selection committee and begun the process of seeking a new Headteacher for our school. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that governors, supported by both the diocese and the local authority, will do our very best to ensure the right person is appointed for September so that our school continues to move from strength to strength. I have included an excerpt from our advert, which I hope you will agree captures who we are as a school and the sort of person we are looking to recruit. We hope to interview applicants shortly after returning from the Easter break, I will get back to you with more news then.

The Governing Body of this outstanding, oversubscribed school are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, dedicated and innovative Headteacher. In return for your commitment to sustaining an outstanding education for our young learners, we can offer you:

- *A warm welcome from parents and strong links with the parish community*
- *Dedicated, caring, hardworking and enthusiastic staff*
- *Confident, well-behaved children, committed to developing excellent learning behaviours*
- *A loving school with a stimulating indoor and outdoor learning environment*
- *A knowledgeable, supportive and pro-active governing body, with a firm commitment to your professional development.*

In return, you will, as a practising Catholic, be fully supportive of the Catholic ethos that is so important to us and possess the following leadership qualities:

- *A creative vision for the future which builds on our tradition and values*
- *Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to lead, motivate and inspire the whole school community*



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- *Proven leadership skills, vision and passion to respond successfully to changes within primary Catholic education, including a dynamic collaboration with the Diocese and the local authority and wider partnership agencies*
- *A commitment to nurturing faith and spirituality across our culturally diverse community*
- *Knowledge of how to sustain school improvement in order to enhance the outcomes for all children*
- *A commitment to extending outreach and support beyond the school, sharing best practice beyond our school community*
- *Be confident enough to take carefully calculated risks*
- *Be dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including a commitment to their emotional wellbeing and that of their families.*

The advert, which went live on Monday, was published nationally and has already generated a good level of interest!

In the mean-time rest assured, Mr White, along with our wonderful teachers and support staff continue to provide our children with the best possible education.

I ask that you keep the whole school community in your prayers over the coming months.

Best wishes

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Chair of Governors



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