



ST BERTELINE'S

Church of England Primary School

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Norton Lane, Runcorn. Cheshire. WA7 6SP

Dear Applicant

On behalf of the Local Governance Committee (LGC), thank you for your interest in the role of Headteacher at St. Bertelina's Church of England Primary School, Runcorn. We are a popular, one form-entry primary school, serving the communities of Norton, Norton Cross, Windmill Hill and Sandymoor.

The school opened 44 years ago as a small school and has grown over time. Our building is distinctive, designed by a church architect with vaulted ceilings and a mezzanine, and although it has been extended, it retains its unique character. We are proud that many former pupils now return with their own children — and even grandchildren.

St Bertelina's is a school shaped by its Christian foundation and guided by our vision: "Faith as small as a mustard seed can achieve great things – even move mountains" (Matthew 17:20). This vision underpins all aspects of school life and reflects our commitment to enabling every child to flourish academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Our Christian values of love, respect, compassion, friendship, hope and perseverance are lived out daily through the strong relationships between pupils, staff, families and the wider community. We also enjoy close and supportive links with St Bertelina's Church in Windmill Hill.

As a CDAT (Chester Diocesan Academies Trust) school, we offer excellent support networks while maintaining and promoting the individual character of our school. We look forward to discovering your gifts and skills and supporting you to help us grow and develop for the future.

As governors, we are immensely proud of our pupils, who are happy, confident and eager to learn, and of our dedicated staff team, who work collaboratively with genuine care for one another and the pupils. Our ethos and strong relationships create a close-knit environment where children are known and celebrated as individuals, and staff make a meaningful and lasting impact.

We are seeking a Headteacher who will lead with inspiration and compassion, embrace and promote the school's Christian ethos, and build on the strong foundations already established. The role offers exciting opportunities to shape the strategic direction of the school, develop the curriculum, nurture staff talent, and strengthen partnerships with parents, the church and the wider community.

The LGC is committed to working in close partnership with the Headteacher, offering both challenge and support, and ensuring that staff wellbeing and professional development remain key priorities. Our LGC includes Foundation governors appointed by the Diocese, who ensure the school's Christian character, and we are active in the everyday life of the school.

If you feel you would like to lead a Church of England school and are excited by the opportunity to help our community thrive, we would be delighted to hear from you. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Yours faithfully,

