



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Prospective Applicant,

St Mary's Catholic Primary School has proudly served the families of Chingford and the surrounding community for over ninety years. Across generations, former pupils have returned as parents, grandparents and staff, united by a shared pride in the school's strong Catholic identity, sense of belonging and commitment to academic excellence.

Our school community is rooted firmly in our mission:

Love God... Love Others... Love Ourselves.

This mission guides every aspect of school life and underpins our unwavering belief that children thrive best when they feel known, valued and secure, and when they are challenged by high-quality teaching and learning within a nurturing Christian environment.

We enjoy a close and meaningful relationship with our Parish Church, and our faith is lived and celebrated daily through prayer, worship and service. Our children are encouraged to grow spiritually, emotionally and intellectually, so that they may become confident, compassionate and responsible members of society.

Following the forthcoming retirement of our current Headteacher at the end of August 2026, the Governing Body is seeking to appoint a new Headteacher to lead the school from September 2026. This is an exciting opportunity for a faith-filled and visionary leader to guide a vibrant school that is central to its parish family and wider community.

You would be joining a committed, skilled and happy staff team who work collaboratively, reflect openly on practice and hold consistently high expectations for themselves and for the children they serve. They are supported by a stable and highly capable team of Teaching Assistants. Significant investment has been made in the school environment, resulting in a beautiful and welcoming setting that reflects our values and is admired across the local authority, the Diocese and beyond.

St Mary's is known for its inclusive, caring and aspirational culture, underpinned by clear routines, strong relationships and a shared commitment to doing the very best for every child. Our engaged and supportive Governing Body works closely with school leaders, and we benefit from an active and enthusiastic Friends of St Mary's Association.

Following our Good Ofsted judgement in 2023, we are now looking for an inspirational leader with the confidence, clarity of vision and strategic insight to build on our many strengths and lead us forward on our journey towards outstanding. We seek someone who will honour the school's rich traditions while bringing fresh perspective, skill and energy, ensuring strong, consistent leadership for the future.

If you feel called to lead a Catholic school community where faith, learning and care for one another lie at the heart of all we do, we would be delighted to receive your application.

Further information is available from the School Office on **clockwood5.320@lgflmail.org**

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

Tim King

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Chair of Governors