

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying for the position of Headteacher at St Bede's Catholic Primary School here in Bedlington. Our school is recognised for providing a warm welcome and a positive environment for all pupils and their families, for all who are part of our team and all who visit in any capacity. The school is located immediately adjacent to our Parish Church of St Bede's and we have active involvement in our Parish. We are also adjacent to St Benet Biscop, our Catholic High School.

Following our recent Ofsted inspection (November 2023) and the appointment of an interim Executive Headteacher at this time, our whole school team and community have welcomed and responded to the challenges and changes with positivity, determination and commitment. Our recent Diocesan inspection (July 2024) noted that 'developments that have taken place in a short space of time....and the priority given to the professional development of staff has been central to the recent improvements.' Staff are hard-working, enthusiastic and a committed team who are passionate about their own learning and development, school improvement and providing the best possible educational experience for all of our pupils.

Additionally, the successful candidate will be very ably supported by our Local Governing Committee members who bring a breadth of knowledge and experience in their role. The committee have been steadfast in their passion for supporting the school in whatever way we can, in order to continue the rapid improvement already witnessed at St Bede's.

In partnership with Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust, we are seeking to appoint a Headteacher with the ambition and vision to continue to motivate, inspire and challenge staff, pupils and the community, in order to maintain and progress the positive improvements and significant achievements the school has recently witnessed. Our Headteacher must have a clear focus on school improvement whilst keeping Christ firmly at the centre of the school. The successful candidate will be a leader who has high expectations for pupils and for staff, who can build relationships and who has ambition to develop the positive direction for the school.

Everyone interested will experience a very warm welcome when you visit the school.

Regards

Christine Mills Chair of the Local Governance Committee

> For more information or to arrange a visit, please email: recruitment@bbcet.org

