

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Loving and learning together in faith"



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Dear Applicant

Thank you very much for your interest in the post of Headteacher here at Holy Cross.

Holy Cross is a very good school where children are cared for and nurtured in an environment rooted deeply in Catholic values.

The job vacancy has arisen due to the early retirement on health grounds, of our excellent Headteacher. During our Headteacher's illness the school has continued to develop successfully, led by our Acting Headteacher and Acting Deputy Headteacher.

Our school is a haven of calm with excellent respectful relationships evident between all in school. Despite our school being situated in an area of high deprivation our children make excellent progress, achieving impressive results, due to excellent teaching and highly focused support. As governors we are proud that our school is now amongst the highest performing primary schools in Wirral. Relationships are strong across the school community and the children's behaviour is exemplary.

Our most recent Ofsted inspection was in October 2022 when inspectors judged us to be Good, it was noted that 'pupils are proud to be part of this calm, caring, happy and purposeful school... they rise to staff's very high expectations of behaviour.' Later they commented that 'every day, leaders and staff insist that pupils do their best in lessons. This contributes to most pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieving well.'

Governors are skilled and passionate about Holy Cross and are committed to support leaders, staff and parents to provide the best education and care for our pupils. We have achieved many things over the years but we are particularly proud of our Inclusion Quality Mark Championship Status award.

In July 2025 our school's denominational inspection took place when we were judged to be Good overall with inspectors noting that 'the pastoral care for pupils and families is outstanding....pupils learn in a safe and nurturing environment.'

We have an attractive modern building which is set in spacious well developed grounds. It is close to junction 1 of the M53.

We would love you to come and visit our school prior to making your application so that you can find out more about our life and work. Please contact Mrs Sue Dyer, our Business Manager, on 0151 652 8454 or dyers@holycross.wirral.sch.uk. We have arranged two dates for visits when a couple of governors will be happy to show you around and answer any questions you may have. The dates are

Tuesday 23rd September at 1.30pm and
Thursday 25th September again at 4.30pm.

The Catholic Education Service application form must be used to apply. All the relevant forms and information for your application may be found on our website <https://www.holycross.wirral.sch.uk>

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 1st October at 9am. Previous applicants will be automatically considered. Shortlisting is on Wednesday 1st October. Interviews will take place on Thursday 9th October.

Thank you for your interest in our post.

Best wishes

Madeleine Haines

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body