



Class Teacher + SENDco

Candidate Information Pack

Halewood Church of England Primary School



Train up a child in the way that they
should go and when they are old, they
shall not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

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About Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust

We believe

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.' (Mt 19).

We believe that we are fulfilling this command when we enable children of all faiths and none to flourish in our schools. The Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust (LDST) has an important role to play in improving the attainment of pupils across the Diocesan region.

What is our Purpose?

Working together with our school communities, providing an excellent education and life-enhancing relationships with the Christian faith and Jesus Christ.

We do this through:

- Being a family of schools that is committed to well-being and supporting each other, so that all children, learners and staff across our Trust, flourish.
- Connecting with each other to share practice and provide an excellent education that is built on distinctly Christian values.
- A commitment to inclusion, ensuring that all learners thrive through an education that teaches wisdom, instils hope, nurtures community, and embeds dignity and respect.
- Strong bonds of collaboration, innovative approaches to education and a shared purpose amongst schools, families, and communities.

What is our vision?

As a Diocesan Trust, our Christian values are intrinsically linked to our commitment to provide an innovative, high quality education, so that children and learners make excellent progress and fulfil their academic potential, by ensuring that:

- We live out our **Christian values** to **develop future citizens** who can contribute positively to a caring, compassionate nation.
- We share a Trust-wide commitment to providing an **education** that enables children and learners to **flourish and achieve** - academically, spiritually, morally, socially, culturally, physically.
- We celebrate **diversity**, **address inequality**, **overcome disadvantage** and **raise aspirations** so that learners can achieve their **highest academic potential**.

- Access to an **inspirational curriculum** and **excellent teaching** enables our children to acquire a **deep body of knowledge** and a zest for **lifelong learning**.
- Our schools can thrive under outstanding **local leadership**, accountable to the Executive team and Board of Directors.
- We identify **talents** and provide opportunities for **staff** to develop, pursue career developments and contribute significantly to **wider improvements**
- We maintain a strong emphasis on **safeguarding** and the **mental health and well-being** of all our pupils and staff.
- Our schools are self-sustaining, **inclusive learning communities** of professionals who **connect and collaborate** to **share best practice** and **innovative approaches rooted in informed evidence**.

Our Core Values

We value Difference

We are respectful of the:

- **Uniqueness** of each individual school
- **Differences** within each school and community

We value Local

- Providing aligned support and central services to empower local leaders to make local decisions that meet the needs of the local communities

We value Collaboration

- We value the opportunities to **collaborate** and work as a **team** to improve outcomes across our Trust

We value Inclusion

- We welcome **all** and are committed to ensuring that **each pupil** receives an educational experience related to their **own** personal gifts or needs
- We celebrate **diversity** and the individual talents of our pupils and staff

We welcome pupils of all faiths and none

We are a fully inclusive organisation and encourage applications from individuals from minority communities.

About Halewood Church of England Primary School



At Halewood C of E Primary School, we serve the community by providing a happy, secure, and caring Christian environment where all are valued and respected.

Halewood C of E Primary is a highly popular and successful school. As a Church of England school, our Christian values underpin all that we do, and we have close links with two local churches. We joined LDST in October 2017 to deepen these links and to continue to improve the education we provide to our children. Our staff are committed to raising standards for all pupils. They pride themselves in working effectively together, and in partnership with parents, to provide a caring and supportive learning environment.

We want children to enjoy their education and develop an enthusiasm for learning and so have designed a curriculum that allows children to become confident and fluent with knowledge and vocabulary, as well as providing a wealth of opportunities to develop their strengths and talents. Children are taught in such a way that they acquire knowledge that they can take with them for the rest of their lives, knowledge that they can use when articulating themselves, or when reading and solving problems. Challenging opportunities to apply knowledge are embedded throughout our curriculum. Progressively planned learning enables children to constantly apply prior knowledge and build upon it.

We are proud of our school and encourage you to visit our website to further help you with the application and get a feel for our school community.

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Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Applicants,

At Halewood C of E Primary School, we are seeking to appoint a passionate and dedicated teacher to join our team as a member of the Senior Leadership Team and lead our SEND provision as SENDCo.

Our Christian vision—*"Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6)—is central to all that we do. It shapes our decisions, our relationships, and our unwavering commitment to every child. Our core values—friendship, forgiveness, hope, thankfulness, perseverance and responsibility—are not simply words, but lived experiences that define our school culture.

We are deeply committed to nurturing children who understand the importance of loving their neighbour as God loves us. Through strong role modelling, high expectations and a culture of care, we aim for every child to leave Halewood with these values embedded, ready to flourish and make a positive difference in the world.

We are looking for an exceptional classroom practitioner who is driven to secure the very best outcomes for all pupils. This role is rooted in high-quality teaching; you will demonstrate the highest standards in the classroom, modelling excellent practice and ensuring all pupils make strong progress.

As SENDCo and a member of the Senior Leadership Team, you will also play a pivotal role in shaping inclusive practice across the school. You will be passionate about removing barriers to learning, championing vulnerable learners, and ensuring that every child—regardless of need—can succeed and thrive. You will lead, support and challenge colleagues to deliver high-quality, adaptive teaching that meets the needs of all learners.

This role offers an exciting opportunity for a talented practitioner to lead with purpose, influence whole-school improvement, and make a lasting impact on the lives of children and families.

In return, we offer:

- A highly supportive Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body
- A strong, research-informed CPD programme
- Well-behaved, motivated and enthusiastic pupils
- A positive, caring and inclusive school community
- A dedicated and collaborative staff team
- A well-resourced teaching and learning environment
- An iPad and MacBook Pro as part of our teacher package

If you are committed to developing Christian character alongside delivering excellence in education, and have the drive to lead, teach and inspire, we would love to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Dave Catt
Headteacher

Job Description

Title: Class Teacher and SENDCO (permanent)

Salary: M1–UPS3 + SEN Allowance (£2,539)

Hours: Full-time

Accountable to: Headteacher

Location: Halewood C of E Primary School

General duties

- Continuously meet at least the minimum standards outlined in the DfE's 'Teachers' Standards'.
- Comply with school policies and procedures, in particular those relating to child protection and safeguarding.
- Attend staff meetings, INSET days, parents' evenings, parent consultation meetings, and any other functions or meetings required.
- Take responsibility for completing CPD and keeping up to date with developments relating to subject matter.
- Establish effective working relationships with colleagues and set a good example for pupils through a high level of professionalism.
- Participate in any performance-related appraisal arrangements made by the school.

Liverpool Diocesan Schools Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment to keeping children safe. Any offer of employment will be subject to statutory pre-employment checks including satisfactory references, online checks, Enhanced DBS, and Barred List checks. This post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (as amended in 2013 & 2020) and shortlisted candidates will be required to disclose any relevant criminal history prior to interview. Candidates must also be able to demonstrate their Right to Work in the United Kingdom.

Person Specification

Area	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications & Professional Learning	<p>Has Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)</p> <p>Holds an undergraduate degree</p> <p>Evidence of Continuous Professional Development related to SEND and inclusion</p> <p>Willingness to complete NPQSEND</p>	<p>NASENCo qualification</p> <p>NPQSEND qualification</p> <p>Additional SEND leadership training</p>
Experience	<p>Successful experience as a Primary Teacher in more than one key stage</p> <p>Experience of working with additional and complex needs</p> <p>Experience of adapting planning to meet needs</p> <p>Experience across the full Primary range</p> <p>Proven ability to improve performance through coaching, challenge and support</p>	<p>Experience of SEND leadership as a SENDco</p> <p>Experience of provision mapping/interventions</p> <p>SLT experience</p>
Safeguarding	<p>Displays commitment to safeguarding children</p> <p>Works with relevant agencies</p> <p>Up-to-date safeguarding knowledge</p>	<p>DSL training/qualification</p>

	Understands legislation and guidance	
Teaching & Learning	<p>Excellent understanding of effective teaching across key stages</p> <p>Track record of high-quality teaching for all groups including SEND</p> <p>Strong curriculum knowledge and implementation</p> <p>Able to problem solve</p> <p>Contributes to wider school life</p> <p>Articulates outstanding teaching</p> <p>Secures high standards and progress</p> <p>Outstanding classroom practitioner</p>	<p>Experience of coaching/mentoring staff</p> <p>Experience of leading whole staff CPD</p>
SEND Leadership	<p>Strong understanding of SEND Code of Practice</p> <p>Ability to assess, monitor and support SEND pupils</p> <p>Experience of provision planning (EHCPs, support plans)</p> <p>Supports staff with inclusive practice</p>	<p>Experience leading SEND</p> <p>Experience of working with external agencies</p>

<p>Developing Self & Working with Others</p>	<p>Reflective practitioner</p> <p>Manages workload effectively</p> <p>Maintains confidentiality</p> <p>Understands educational issues</p> <p>Resilient</p> <p>Excellent interpersonal skills</p> <p>Builds community links</p>	<p>Coaching experience</p>
<p>Personal Qualities</p>	<p>Sympathetic to Christian ethos</p> <p>Approachable and grounded</p> <p>Inspires confidence</p> <p>Takes responsibility</p> <p>Critical thinking and curiosity</p> <p>Builds trust and respect</p> <p>Strong communication skills</p>	<p>Active practicing Christian</p> <p>Experience working in Church school</p>

How to Apply

Application Process

The application process for this role is a 3-stage process:

- Application form
- Visit to candidate's own school for lesson observation and leadership discussion
- Interview

To be considered for this role you must complete the LDST application form. We are unable to accept CV applications, or applications from agencies.

Once the closing date has been reached all applications will be reviewed. The candidates who best demonstrate the skills listed in the person specification in their application will be invited to interview.

To ask any questions, or to submit your completed application form, please email karen.sefton@ldst.org.uk or call 0151 487 5673.

LDST reserves the right not to progress candidates to the next stage of the process, or not to appoint to the role if candidates fail to demonstrate the essential criteria in the person specification.

Applicants from overseas are advised to obtain an overseas criminal check before they apply for a visa as the post is in the education sector.

Closing Date: Thursday 23rd April 5.00pm

Shortlisting: Friday 24th April 12pm

Lesson observations and interviews: Week commencing Monday 27th April

Start Date of Post: Wednesday 2nd September 2026

School visit dates:

Thursday 16th April 9.30am, Thursday 16th April 1.30pm, Thursday 16th April 3.30pm

Please contact the school office on 0151 487 5673 or karen.sefton@ldst.org.uk to book onto one of our school visits

Our Trust Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Let peace, friendship and love grow in our schools.

Send the Holy Spirit to give
excellence to our learning
love to our actions and joy
to our worship.

Guide us to help others,
so that we may all

Learn, Love and Achieve, Together with Jesus.

Amen