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Thank you so much for considering applying for the post of Deputy headteacher at St Richard's Catholic Primary School. We are proud of our welcoming, nurturing Catholic community here in Atherton, and we hope you are also inspired to join us on the next stage of our journey.

The recent (April 2026) Ofsted inspection acknowledged many good points about the school, including the attention it affords to pupils' personal development and wellbeing: *Leaders have designed a coherent personal, social, health and economic education curriculum and Pupils enjoy a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including clubs and visits. They take part in a local sports partnership with nearby schools.* However, we know that there are matters we need to address, which will be clear from the Ofsted report.

The school is situated in an area of multiple deprivation. Both free school meals provision and the number of EAL pupils are above both local and national norms. Currently, most of our children are not Catholics. However, we seek to maintain an oasis of calm, love and service, and to witness to the love of Jesus in the community of which St Richard's is an integral part.

The school has an experienced and dedicated head and staff, who are supported by the local Catholic community via the board of governors, who are the employers. The school's trust deed requires that a majority of the board consists of foundation governors, and it is a similar requirement for senior posts, such as this, that the successful candidate be a practising Catholic who is able to provide a reference from (for example) his/ her parish priest.

I do hope all the information we have provided encourages you to consider whether this role is for you. If there is anything else – please do ask.

I do look forward to meeting you!

With warm regards

Andrew Bowyer

Chair of Governors

