



**The Roman Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle  
In partnership with Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust**

**HEAD TEACHER**

**L15 – L21**

**School Name and Address:**

St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Hampshire Place, Washington, NE37 2NP

**Tel:** (0191) 416 5858

**Website:** [stbedesrcprimary.org.uk](http://stbedesrcprimary.org.uk)

**Required for September 2021**

**Group 2, number on Roll: 228**

Applications are invited from practising and committed Catholics for the post of **Headteacher** at St Bede's Catholic Primary School, to lead the school in the next exciting phase in its development. We are looking for an individual who has superb interpersonal skills, the ability to bring people together to work as a cohesive team and drive to build upon the existing success of the school.

At St Bede's, we are focussed on living out our mission, 'Developing mind, body, spirit and community. Living life to the full.' We strive to give all children the opportunity to develop their intellectual, physical, social and spiritual attributes to ensure they receive a broad education and achieve their best.

Our last Ofsted Inspection (March 2018) continued to be judged as "Good" with a leadership team maintaining a good quality of education and a passionate and dedicated commitment to the school, the pupils and their families, and the community".

Since 2019, we have been part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust, a family of 5 secondary schools and 16 primary schools from across Gateshead, Sunderland, Durham and Northumberland, in the west of the Diocese. The Trust will expand to 30 schools by the end of 2021 and reach a total of 48 schools by 2022. The Headteacher in post at St Bede's Catholic Primary School will be an important part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust Primary Headteachers Group and will benefit from the support of the Trust and Chief Executive Officer.

This is an exciting time to lead our school. The successful candidate will have high expectations for all our pupils, driving forward academic excellence, and expertise to ensure that St Bede's Catholic Primary School continues to thrive. Above all, we wish to appoint as Headteacher, a leader who:

- is a committed, practising Catholic with a clear vision and strong commitment to Catholic education;
- brings strong, forward thinking leadership, has a clear strategic vision and drive to build upon the existing success of our school;
- will have high expectations of all our pupils, driving forward academic excellence and nurturing the special gifts which make each child unique;
- will develop strong relationships with St Bede's Parish and the wider school community;
- is an exemplary primary practitioner with a proven track record in raising standards in teaching and learning;
- has the necessary drive to pursue and achieve the highest expectation for pupils' attainment, progress and personal development;
- has the ability to lead, inspire, empower and motivate all members of the school community to ensure everyone is able to let their light shine (Matthew 5:16);
- has the ability to set high expectations and targets for staff to improve outcomes for pupils;
- will encourage and provide our children, a rich and inspiring curriculum; and
- will seek to promote, to the utmost, the development of every child's personal wholeness, integrity, gifts and creativity in a welcoming and loving school community.

Our school is warm and welcoming to all who join us. We can offer:

- a caring, friendly and happy school with well-behaved, confident and high-achieving pupils who are proud of their school and feel safe within their school environment;
- dedicated and caring staff, who are enthusiastic and deliver a vibrant curriculum;
- a commitment to CPD for all staff;
- strong and active partnerships with the Parish Priest, the Parish, parents/carers, the local community, the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and the Trust; and
- a supportive, ambitious and active Local Governing Committee, which is committed to continuous improvement and excellence.

## **How to apply**

Application packs are available by email, please contact Helen Naden, Director of HR by email [hnn@bwcet.com](mailto:hnn@bwcet.com). Please note that restrictions on visiting our school are still in force due to COVID 19.

**Closing date: 9.00am on Monday 26 April 2021**

**Shortlisting: Wednesday 28 April 2021**

**Interviews to be held on: Wednesday 12 May 2021**

Only applications received on the CES application form will be considered for shortlisting.

*The board and the Diocese are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and is subject to an enhanced DBS check.*