

Our Lady of Walsingham MAT
St Louis Catholic Academy School
Newmarket



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in leading the team at St Louis Catholic Academy School as Headteacher.

We are a thriving Catholic school situated near to the centre of Newmarket in Suffolk. Our Catholic Gospel Values are central to how we teach and learn together. We have strong bonds with the Our Lady Immaculate & St Etheldreda Parish and the wider community. Children learn independence and care for others from a young age and families work supportively alongside us.

Our Governors are passionate about ongoing improvement of the school and work collaboratively to support our Headteacher to deliver the best opportunities for all of our children. We have a stable and experienced team of Governors in place. Our reputation as a good school is strong and visitors remark upon our pupil's excellent behaviour. We work together as a community to provide a happy, secure and stimulating environment where children are motivated to learn, are valued as individuals, and encouraged to meet their full potential while delivering a quality, caring education to our children. We have a new purpose-built wellbeing hub opening in the Spring and this will create a wonderful opportunity to widen our personal development offer to children. Children in school enjoy a great range of extracurricular opportunities, from forest school, and sport to choir and cooking clubs.

Our staff team are dedicated to improving opportunities and outcomes for learners and they fully engage in the wider life of the school. Just as we nurture and develop our children, we also invest in our staff. We have a commitment to lifelong learning. Our PTA is a fantastic support and hosts many events in school to build community and fundraise. With their support, we have a new outdoor gym and a new trim trail is planned for Summer 2025.

As our Headteacher retires, we are looking for a successor who relishes the challenge to continue and improve our wonderful school into the future; further build on Parish and community links and connect with Headteachers across our Trust schools. We are fortunate to be part of a caring and supportive family of schools.

Our next Headteacher will have the opportunity to lead a good school to reach its potential of outstanding and with our support will realise their full potential as a leader and develop alongside the school and Trust in their career and expertise. We are excited to meet candidates and would encourage you to visit the school and enjoy a tour with the current Headteacher. This will let you assess if you would want to take up this challenge, find that it fits with your own values, and ensure you are better informed as to the role.

Kind regards

Marc Walker and Bethan Byrne, Co-chairs

Local Governing Body of St Louis Catholic Academy School

Sue Blakeley, Headteacher