

Involvement, Enjoyment, Achievement

ST JAMES' C.E. (Controlled) **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

CHADWICK STREET GLOSSOP DERBYSHIRE



Dear Applicant,

I would like to thank you for showing an interest in applying for the post of head teacher at St James Primary School. As the Chair of Governors, I would like to tell you a little bit about our school and hopefully convey to you some of the many reasons we are so proud of it.

Under the leadership of our retiring Head we have made significant progress at the school, this was recognised during our last OFSTED inspection where we achieved a Good report. However, we are not complacent about this and, as part of our desire for continuous improvement, we have ambition to become Outstanding. There is already a momentum to help support this ambition and a real opportunity for somebody with fresh ideas to help us further.

The school has a warm and close-knit environment with strong partnerships between staff, governors, pupils and parents. There is a genuine sense of family within the school. Our pupils are actively encouraged to be caring and considerate of each other. The school has both an active School Council and Parent-Teacher Association, both of which make a valuable contribution to school life.

We are very fortunate to have a capable and motivated team of staff. Having seen the rewards of the school's development, they are keen to continue it and so challenge themselves further. They work well together, supporting each other and the Head by always going the extra mile to ensure that the children get the best possible opportunities in school.

The governing body are very supportive and actively engage with the school in a number of ways, such as helping with numeracy in the classroom by developing and running the Times Table Challenge as well as assisting with setting the budget and promoting the school externally. There are close links with the church and our Vicar, who is a member of the Governing Body, plays an active role in both collective worship and the broader life of the school.

We are looking for somebody special with the kind of warm enthusiasm that motivates and inspires people around them, a clear vision, and the ability to juggle the delivery of long term goals whilst making sure that the day-to-day running of the school operates smoothly. If this sounds like you then we'd really like to hear from you.

The closing date for applications is Sunday 3rd September 2017 with interviews scheduled for 19th and 20th September 2017.

I hope you will take time to visit our school, where you will have the opportunity to experience first-hand the genuine warmth and passion for learning displayed by pupils and staff.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Thornton Chair of Governors **Andrew Thornton**











