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St Mary’s Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy Handsworth is an OFSTED Outstanding school (July 2012) and a SIAS Outstanding school (November 2013).

This is an outstanding school. Exceptionally effective teaching and a highly inclusive and stunningly creative learning environment enable the pupils to reach the highest levels of enjoyment and achievement. One pupil summed up the views of many, “St Mary’s helps us to be the best that we can be.” OFSTED 2012

The school is led by highly committed and talented staff and governors who are relentless in their determination for each child to flourish and be successful. The exceptional learning environment proclaims that every single child is valued. Relationships in the school are overwhelmingly positive, embedded in Christian teaching, and thrive on the diversity of the school community. Inspirational Christian worship is central to the life of the school and promotes the spiritual growth of all. SIAS 2013

It is an exciting time for an exceptional person to help shape the future for our pupils. St Mary’s Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy Handsworth is currently a National Support School and a Teaching School. St Mary’s is a 3-11 multicultural, multi-faith Church of England primary and nursery academy which celebrates the principles of all faiths. We are currently in transition form one and a half form entry to two form entry. We have 390 children on roll. The school is part of an expansion building programme expected to commence in February 2018. Located in inner city Birmingham this school benefits from close links to the historic St Mary’s Church and is situated opposite Handsworth Park.

Our Vision

At St Mary’s Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy Handsworth we work together to create excellence within a democratic British society. We encourage children to achieve their full potential in terms of academic attainment and personal, spiritual and moral development. We aim to achieve this within a Christian ethos, which encourages respect for and understanding of different faiths and cultures.

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Our New Head Teacher

Our pupils would like their new Head Teacher to:

- Inspire them to be the best they can be
- Reward and praise them when they do well
- Be a role model for them
- Respect, know and value our community
- Value our heritage and be aspirational on our behalf
- Love performing and creative arts
- Offer advice and support when they need it
- Be a good listener
- Be someone they can look up to

Our staff would like their new Head Teacher to:

- Lead by example
- Be approachable, honest and trustworthy
- Be fair and consistent
- Be able to reward and praise them when they do well
- Be an inspiring teacher and role model for them and the children
- Be able to recognise the current strengths of the school and know how to make us even better
- Respect and value us
- Be able to motivate and inspire us
- Have an appreciation of the diverse backgrounds of our pupils, staff, parents and governors and harness the strength that that diversity brings.
- Nurture and challenge in the right proportion

Our parents would like the new Head Teacher to be:

- Caring and friendly
- Open and honest
- Approachable
- Respectful of our heritage
- An exceptional leader
- Willing to engage with them about any matter which concerns them
- Committed to providing the best possible education for their child
About the Role

St Mary’s Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy Handsworth is looking for an exceptional leader to lead us in the next phase of our journey of continuing excellence. We are seeking to appoint a visionary leader who will, whilst recognising the current strengths of the school, strive to make St Mary’s Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy Handsworth even better.

This is a fantastic opportunity to make a significant difference to our community, appreciating the diverse backgrounds of our pupils, staff, parents and governors and see this as a strength of the school.

Your ability to nurture adults and children will enable you to build a strong and substantive team that shares your commitment to delivering the best for every child.

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