St. Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School

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Reception Class Teacher: Person Specification

Essential Qualifications

- Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).
- Degree and recognised teaching qualification (PGCE or equivalent).

Essential Experience

- Successful teaching experience within the Early Years Foundation Stage or relevant teaching practice during training.
- Experience of planning and delivering high-quality learning opportunities for young children.
- Experience of assessing and tracking children's progress.

Professional Attributes

- A commitment to supporting and promoting the Catholic ethos of the school.
- Warm, nurturing and positive relationships with children.
- High expectations of achievement, behaviour and personal development.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Commitment to continued professional development.
- Ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.

Professional Knowledge and Understanding

- Strong understanding of the EYFS Framework and early childhood development.
- Knowledge of effective early reading, phonics and early mathematics teaching.
- Understanding of how young children learn through play, exploration and investigation.
- Knowledge of assessment for learning and observation-based assessment.
- Understanding of inclusion, SEND and strategies to support diverse learners.
- Secure understanding of safeguarding, child protection and children's wellbeing.
- Good English, mathematics and digital skills.

Professional Skills

- Ability to plan and deliver exciting, engaging and developmentally appropriate learning experiences.
- Ability to create a stimulating indoor and outdoor learning environment.
- Skilled in observing, assessing and responding to children's learning needs.
- Ability to establish positive routines and behaviour expectations.
- Effective partnership working with parents, carers and external agencies.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a wider school community.

Desirable

- Practising Catholic or supportive of the Catholic ethos and mission of the school.
- Experience of teaching Reception.
- Knowledge of Little Wandle or another systematic synthetic phonics programme.
- Experience of working successfully with Teaching Assistants and external professionals.
- Current paediatric first aid qualification (or willingness to undertake training).

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