



SENCO application information



ADMIN DETAILS

Closing Date for applications:

Friday 8th November 2019 at midday

Interviews: **Tuesday 12th November 2019**



'Pupils are at the heart of all that leaders and staff do at this warm and welcoming school. Leaders' aspirations for pupils' academic success are matched by their determination to develop pupils' emotional and social skills.' Ofsted March 2019

'Staff support pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) well. Consequently, they enjoy their learning and make good progress.' Ofsted March 2019

St. Faith's CE School is a small 1FE school housed in a beautiful, modern building, on the site of the old Victorian school that was built in 1888. Since 2006 we have continued to develop and improve both the buildings and grounds to create a wonderful learning space for the children. St Faith's is situated in the centre of the cobbled streets of Wandsworth Old Town where there is a thriving high street with independent shops. The school is a 2 minute walk from Wandsworth Town Station.

The school has two well-appointed playgrounds: the KS2 playground has had a new quiet zone installed this year that includes the children's garden, and the pitch will have an astro-pitch installed during the summer holidays.

Please read the schools latest Ofsted inspection report by following this link:

<http://www.stfaiths.wandsworth.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/10088827-St-Faiths-CofE-Primary-School-101043-Final-pdf.pdf>

THE STAFF

The current staffing structure:

Headteacher

Deputy Head

Assistant Headteacher

These posts make up the Senior Leadership Team

There are 8 class teachers. We also have a full time PPA release teacher and a floating teacher to support the children's learning in the junior classes. In addition there are 12 classroom assistants who work in school supporting work in classrooms and in the Early Years Unit [Nursery and Reception]. There are specialist teachers for French, PE and musical instrumental lessons.



CHILDREN

The school roll is rising and currently 200. As well as children from the immediate residential area of the school (The Tonsleys), many children live on East Hill or in local council estates near the Southside Shopping Centre. The children are grouped in horizontal age classes and are taught mostly through mixed ability teaching.

'Pupils' behaviour in lessons and around school is impeccable. The behaviour of pupils is outstanding.'
Ofsted March 2019

High standards of behaviour are expected from all pupils and mutual respect and acceptance of one's neighbour is encouraged. A weekly Family Worship [assembly] time provides an opportunity for both individual pupils and their classes to share achievements received and acknowledgement for their efforts. We welcome up to 60 parents each week to the Friday worship. There is a welcoming atmosphere of openness in which pupils, parents and staff alike can promote the development of a creative working environment.

THE GOVERNORS

The Governing body consists of the Headteacher, 8 foundation Governors appointed by Southwark Diocesan Board of Education, the deanery synod and the parish council, and 6 representative Governors appointed by the London Borough of Wandsworth or by parents and staff. Senior Teachers often attend as observers.

The Governors are an integral part of the school community and links with the staff and children are encouraged. Each class has 'adopted' a Governor who visits the class, perhaps working with children, and generally seeks to arrive at an informed understanding about the school context.

THE PARISH

The Headteacher has worked successfully over the past twelve years to develop and support the Christian ethos of the school and develop links with the local area. Parents attend Worship each Friday morning. The school celebrates Harvest, Christmas and Easter at St Anne's Church and Fr Gordon is a regular visitor at school.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents are kept informed of all events in school through the school newsletter published weekly, the website and text messaging. Parents are welcome at the school and are encouraged to help out in class, on school trips and for swimming. All parents that volunteer in the school are DBS cleared. The school is always looking for new opportunities to strengthen links with parents. There is a PTA that is very active in organising and running additional activities and fund raising events. Staff are available at the end of every day for informal chats with parents but they are encouraged to make appointments to discuss more important matters.

SAFEGUARDING

At St Faith's we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The Child Protection, Safeguarding, and Safer Recruitment policies are on the school website for you to read.

We would ask applicants to note the following information:

- Applicants must complete the Wandsworth application form.
- When writing the statement in support of your application, please ensure that you have addressed all the points in the selection criteria **in the order given**. You must clearly demonstrate how you meet each of these criteria. Please give personal examples of your experience and skills to support the points.
- It is important to remember that your application form and personal statement is the basis upon which you are selected for interview.
- To further our commitment to safeguarding we will ask candidates to address any discrepancies, anomalies or gaps in their application form.
- Please provide **email addresses** and all **telephone contact numbers** for all your referees we will need to make immediate contact after shortlisting.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to St Faith's CE School.

