



St. Bertelina's CE Primary School

Norton Lane, Runcorn, Cheshire. WA7 6SP

Part of Chester Diocesan Academies Trust (CDAT)

Appointment of Headteacher

St Bertelina's is looking for a new headteacher who has the leadership ability, enthusiasm, drive, determination and commitment to continue to develop our unique school into the future. We seek someone who can build on the firm foundations that our present and past Headteachers have developed to continue to provide an excellent academic and pastoral education for every child in our care. You will be an effective communicator, a good listener, and an approachable, supportive leader who will value all staff and actively encourage and upskill them through ongoing CPD. Our new headteacher will uphold the Christian ethos of our school, which has at its heart the Bible verse 'Faith as small as a mustard seed can achieve great things – even move mountains'. (Matthew 17.20)

The successful applicant will be a proven effective leader with a clear vision for excellent education, within a strong Christian ethos. They will appreciate the benefits of working with a supportive team of staff, governors, parents and the wider community. They will also enjoy collaborating closely with other schools within CDAT, learning from and sharing best practice.

St Bertelina's, situated in Runcorn, has been a one and a half form entry school for many years but from September 2026 will become one form entry. The school plays a central role in local life, with strong and positive relationships with the local church and the community. We are immensely proud of our most recent Ofsted inspection (October 2024) and the outcome of our SIAMS inspection (March 2026). We can offer our new Headteacher a warm and welcoming school, underpinned by a hard-working and committed staff team.

Salary: £71,330 - £80,655 (Reference points L14-L19)

Start date: September 2026

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on 11th May 2026

Shortlisting will take place on Tuesday 12th May 2026, and shortlisted candidates will be contacted as soon as possible after the shortlisting meeting. Interviews will be held on Monday 18th May (school-based activities) and Tuesday 19th May (formal interviews).

There will be an opportunity for potential candidates to visit school on 5th and 7th May; if you would like to visit, please email Emma Furlong (CDAT Administrator) – office@cdat.co.uk – to register your interest.

Our school and trust are committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders in regulated activity are subject to appropriate vetting procedures and a satisfactory enhanced DBS check. As part of the shortlisting process, online searches will be carried out on shortlisted candidates in accordance with current KCSIE requirements.