

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welfare Assistant Application Pack



Closing Date:
Wednesday 19th August 2026 -
midday

Interview Date:
TBC w/c Monday 24th August 2026



Diocese of Lancaster
Education Service
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Welcome to St John's

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for considering working at our wonderful school.

We are delighted to announce an exciting opportunity to join our dedicated and passionate team at St John's.

Our school motto, 'Love One Another', guides everything we do. We are committed to ensuring our school is a place where children are loved and valued as individuals, and where the talents of all are nurtured and celebrated within a safe, happy and caring environment, so that they can flourish academically, socially, and emotionally.

The post is available for 5 hours per week, working 1 hour per day Monday to Friday 12 – 1pm.

The role offers a fantastic opportunity for an enthusiastic and dedicated welfare assistant to make a real difference to our pupils and the wider school community.

The successful applicant will:

- Have a genuine desire to work with children
- Share the belief that every child can succeed
- Be enthusiastic and hard working
- Have excellent communication skills
- Be able to work both as part of a team and on their own initiative
- Be flexible and adaptable
- Have a strong positive work ethic

In return, we offer:

- The opportunity to join a highly motivated, innovative and energetic staff team
- Full involvement in the life of the school
- The opportunity for further training and development
- Dedicated, supportive and friendly colleagues
- Kind, motivated and happy pupils
- Supportive parents and carers

If you are interested in this opportunity and believe you could be the right fit for our school, we would love to hear from you.

Best wishes,

Mrs N Sayers
Headteacher



'Love One Another'

CEO Welcome

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the role of Welfare Assistant at St John's Catholic Primary school. St John's is part of the Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust (BEBCMAT).

This is an excellent opportunity for a talented and experienced professional to join us and work with a fantastic group of committed leaders and staff who believe passionately in education and working to improve the life chances of our children and young people.

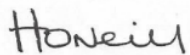
The core principles of the Trust are to educate the whole person, aiming for excellence and working together for the Common Good. Through collective responsibility, united in our Catholic faith, the Trust strives to enable each school to thrive spiritually, academically and financially so that all of the children and young people can 'belong, engage and become' – and reach their full potential by realising their God-given talents.

The Trust works in partnership as one family of schools, whilst maintaining and celebrating the uniqueness of each individual school and the community it serves. We are a values-driven Trust. Our core values of Trust, Respect, Faith, Hope and Service are our hallmarks. These values underpin all of our relationships; between staff, pupils, families, our wider parishes and local communities.

In our Trust, we welcome people who share our vision and our absolute commitment to our pupils, our staff, our families, parishes and the wider communities we serve.

If you believe you have the knowledge, skills and experience to make a positive contribution then we would welcome an application from you for this vital role at an exciting time for St. Kentigern's and the Trust.

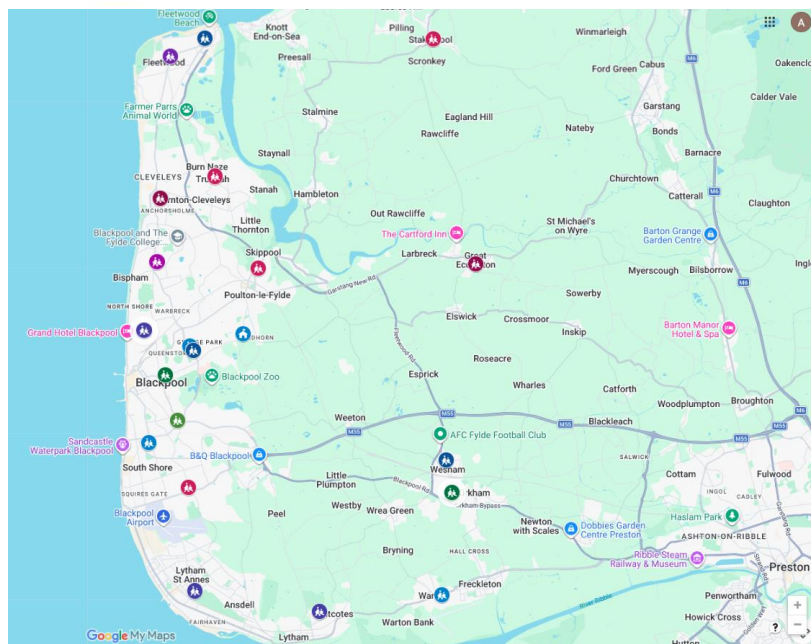
Yours sincerely,



Helen O'Neill
Chief Executive Officer

Trust Schools

	Christ the King Catholic Academy		Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Blackpool
	Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Warton		Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School
	Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School		Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
	St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School		St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy
	St John's Catholic Primary School, Poulton		St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School		St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School
	St Mary's Catholic Academy, Blackpool		St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Fleetwood
	St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Great Eccleston		St Peter's Catholic Primary School
	St Teresa's Catholic Primary School		St William's Catholic Primary School
	St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Catholic Primary School		The Willows Catholic Primary School



What we offer - Benefits

Living Wage Employer



As an employer, we pay the real Living Wage so you can always be sure that you'll earn no less than the current rate.

Pension Scheme



Teaching staff: You will be enrolled into the Teachers' Pension Scheme.
Non-teaching staff: You will be enrolled into the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Health and Wellbeing



We offer access to free and confidential wellbeing services including GP service, counselling, mindfulness support and physiotherapy.

Death in Service



Should the worst happen, your nominated beneficiary will receive a payment of 3 x your annual salary if you are part of the pension scheme (TPS or LGPS).

Flu Jab



Our Trust offers all employees a flu vaccination. Employees can arrange their own vaccination and reclaim the cost up to the value of £15.00.

Travel to Work Scheme



We offer discounted travel via Blackpool Transport for the use of buses and trams.

How to apply

Prior to applying

If you are unclear about any aspect of the application process or you would like any additional information about the school or the role, please contact Rachel Leatham, School Business

Manager:

Telephone - 01253 883690

or

Email - bursar@poulton-st-johns.lancs.sch.uk

Application process

Please follow the link below to our careers page and complete your online application:

<https://mynewterm.com/school/St-John's-Catholic-Primary-School,-Poulton-Le-Fylde/152365>

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Post Details:

Grade: Foundation Living Wage

Salary: £13.45 per hour

Contract: Fixed Term until 31/8/2027

Hours: 5 per week, Term Time only

Start Date: 1/9/2026

Job Description

Post Title:	Welfare Assistant
Location:	St John's Catholic Primary School
Scope of role:	
To secure the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the midday break period.	
Accountabilities/Responsibilities – appropriate for this post:	
1. To follow the School's Behaviour Policy; 2. To establish positive relationships with pupils; 3. Supervise pupils eating their meal and prevent them from taking food outside the dining area; 4. Be proactive in preventing poor behaviour from escalating and in keeping children engaged in productive play; 5. Keep pupils out of classrooms, toilets etc when they should be outside; 6. Supervise children at lunchtime play; 7. Deal with accidents in the playground or dining area and report in line with school procedures; 8. Keep young pupils occupied when they have to stay indoors; 9. Work co-operatively as part of the school team; 10. Ensure children's safety is maintained at all times; 11. Walk pupils to/from the playground to the dinner hall in an orderly manner 12. To work within school policies and procedures 13. To take care of their own and other people's health and safety	
In addition, other duties at the same responsibility level may be interchanged with/added to this list at any time.	

Person Specification

Requirements	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications, Training and Experience	Working with children (own / family / friends or in a school setting)	- Recent experiences of working in a school - Recognised qualification in childcare or education – NVQ Level 1 or above - Recent welfare assistant experience within the primary phase
Professional Knowledge and Understanding	- Have high expectations for all young people and adults - Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with young people and adults - Demonstrate an understanding and application of the learning and hygiene needs of pupils in there are during a lunchtime period - Be efficient and organised - Knowledge of safeguarding procedures within a school/academy	
Interpersonal Skills and Personal Qualities	- Establish effective working relationships with staff and pupils - Be committed to own personal development and training - Be curious, positive and resilient and show initiative in supporting school improvement - Act as a role model for pupils and other staff by setting high personal and professional standards - Deal sensitively with pupils and support them to resolve their conflicts	
Professional Attributes	- Basic written, electronic and verbal communications skills - Ability to demonstrate engagement and care of pupils	

Safeguarding Information

Introduction

The Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its schools. The Trust complies with the statutory legislative requirements and guidance that seeks to protect children, including 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' guidance. In order to meet this responsibility, we follow a rigorous selection process to discourage and screen out unsuitable applicants.

Safer Recruitment

Job descriptions and person specifications make reference to safeguarding and child protection. All posts are subject to satisfactory completion of enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service certificate (DBS) checks. All advertisements include a safeguarding statement and commitment.

Application Stage

All applicants are scrutinised to verify identity and academic qualifications, Professional references are requested using our standard pro-forma for short-listed candidates. As a minimum, references should be from the two most recent employers and a Parish Priest if applicable. References are checked against previous employment history and gaps in employment. Professional references must be obtained from work email addresses. Our standard reference proforma makes reference to suitability to work with children and young people. The application form requires applicants to complete a disclosure of any criminal convictions.

Short listing

Only those candidates meeting the criteria outlined in the person specification will be shortlisted. All short-listed candidates will be subject to an online search as part of our safer recruitment due diligence.

Interview

Shortlisted candidates will take part in an interview and selection process. Candidates will be asked to address any discrepancies or gaps in their employment history. Candidates will be reminded of their responsibility to disclose any criminal convictions if they have not already done so. Proof of identity, qualifications and right to work in the UK must also be provided at interview.

Appointment

An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate (DBS) will be required for all appointed posts. Other pre-employment compliance checks will be carried out. This post is subject to satisfactory references which will be requested prior to interview, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, online searches, medical check, evidence of qualifications plus verification of the right to work in the UK. For teaching positions, barred list checks and prohibition from teaching checks will also be carried out. For leadership positions, section 128 checks will be performed. All staff will receive a comprehensive induction programme covering all aspects of safeguarding and health and safety.

Probation

All new staff will be subject to the trust probation procedures for a period of 6 months. The probation period is to enable the assessment of an employee's suitability for the job and which includes a review of the performance of new staff in relation to duties, skills, qualifications and experience outlined in the job description and person specification. This will also include an employee's suitability to work with children and young people and their commitment to safeguarding and child protection.

Equal opportunities

BEBCMAT recognises the value of, and seeks to achieve a diverse workforce. BEBCMAT takes positive steps to create an employment culture in which people feel confident of being treated with fairness, dignity and respect, irrespective of their differences. The Trust is committed to the elimination of unlawful discrimination and to the promotion of good relations between all.

General Data Protection Regulation

BEBCMAT is committed to ensuring that the privacy of an individual is protected. By signing a contract of employment, the employee is agreeing to the Trust processing their personal data, including 'sensitive personal data' as defined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), for the purposes of the operation, management, security and/or administrations, as well as complying with applicable laws, regulations and procedures. The information you provide (except Equality Monitoring Information) may be shared with partner organisations that provide services to the Trust. A full list of these organisations is available on request from the CFO.

