

Job Description

Deputy Headteacher

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust

The schools within the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust have been designated by the Secretary of State as a school with a religious character. Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust is part of the Catholic Church and schools within the Trust are to be conducted as Catholic schools in accordance with Canon Law, the teachings of the Catholic Church and the diocesan trust deed. At all times the school is to serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ. The post is therefore reserved for a practising Catholic who can show by example and from experience that he or she will ensure that the school is distinctively Catholic in all its aspects.

This appointment is made by the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust and the terms of the Catholic Education Service contract signed with the Trust as employers. It is subject to the conditions of service for Deputy Headteacher contained in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions document as well as other current education and employment legislation and statutory guidance.

The Governing Board is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The Deputy Headteacher must ensure that the highest priority is given to following the guidance and regulations relating to safeguarding and child protection. Appointment is conditional upon receipt of satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks in relation to criminal and child protection matters.

JOB TITLE: **Deputy Headteacher**
ACCOUNTABLE TO: **The Headteacher**
MAIN PURPOSE:

The Deputy Headteacher will:

- Undertake the normal responsibilities of a class teacher;
- Be a member of the senior leadership team;
- Assist the Headteacher in the leadership and management of the school;
- Support and represent the Headteacher at meetings as and when required;
- Undertake such duties as are delegated by the Headteacher;
- Play a major role, under the overall direction of the Headteacher in formulating and reviewing the Mission Statement, Development Plan, overall aims and objectives of the school by helping establish the policies through which they shall be achieved, managing staff and resources to that end and monitoring progress towards their achievement.

If the Headteacher is absent from the school, the Deputy Headteacher must undertake such duties of the Headteacher as the Headteacher or the Governing Board shall require.

MAIN TASKS:

The specific nature and balance of these responsibilities may vary from time to time and, particularly in a large school, be distributed amongst other holders of the post of Deputy or Assistant Headteacher.

1. Class teacher responsibilities

- 1.1 To carry out the duties of a school teacher as set out in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document.
- 1.2 To carry out the duties of a general class teacher as detailed in the school's class teacher job description, including the provision of cover for absent teachers.
- 1.3 If required, to be responsible for a specific class or age group of children to be decided on appointment.

2. The internal organisation, management and control of the school

- 2.1 To have specific responsibilities to be agreed upon appointment.
- 2.2 To contribute to:
 - Fulfilling the school's Mission Statement
 - Maintaining and developing the Catholic ethos, values and overall purposes of the school
 - Formulating the aims and objectives of the school and policies for their implementation
 - A development plan which will translate school aims and policies into actions
 - Monitoring and evaluating the performance of the school and its achievements as a Catholic school
 - Implementing the Governing Board's policies on equal opportunity issues for all staff and pupils in relation to sex, gender, race, disability and special needs
 - The efficient organisation, management and supervision of school routines
 - Supporting the quality assurance process, including monitoring of actions taken

3. Curriculum Development

- 3.1 To contribute to:
 - The development, organisation and implementation of the school's curriculum
 - School policies on curriculum, teaching and learning styles, assessment, recording and reporting
 - Ensuring that the learning and teaching provided by different departments and teaching teams form a co-ordinated, coherent curriculum entitlement for individuals, including those with special educational needs

- Ensuring that the Diocesan policy on Religious Education and *RSHE* are fulfilled
- Ensuring arrangements for the daily act of collective worship and the spiritual life of the school
- Providing a curriculum for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all pupils in line with the distinctive Catholic nature, purpose and aims of the school
- Providing high quality personal, social, health education and citizenship in accordance with the teachings and doctrines of the Catholic Church
- Ensuring that information on pupil progress is used to improve teaching and learning to inform and motivate pupils, to inform parents, to provide necessary references for other educational institutions and employers, and to aid governors in their future management of the school
- Ensuring that the individual pupil's continuity of learning and effective progression of achievement are provided
- The promotion of extra-curricular activities in accordance with the educational aims and Catholic ethos of the school

4. Pupil care

4.1 To contribute to:

- The development, organisation and implementation of the school's policy for the personal and social development of pupils including pastoral care and guidance in accordance with the teachings and doctrines of the Catholic Church
- The effective induction of pupils
- The determination of appropriate pupil groupings
- The promotion among pupils of standards of conduct, discipline and a proper regard for authority, the encouragement of good behaviour and commitment to the common good
- The development among pupils of self-discipline
- The handling of individual disciplinary cases

4.2 Develop effective relationships with fellow professionals, colleagues in other public services, parents/carers to improve academic and social outcomes for all pupils.

4.3 Provide a safe, calm and well-ordered environment for all pupils and staff, focused on safeguarding pupils and developing their exemplary behaviour in school and in the wider society.

5. Leadership of staff

- 5.1 To participate in the selection and deployment of teaching and non-teaching staff of the school
- 5.2 To contribute to effective leadership practice by ensuring positive staff participation, effective communication and procedures
- 5.3 To participate in arrangements made in accordance with the regulations for the appraisal of the performance of teachers in school
- 5.4 To implement and develop staff development policies appropriate to the Catholic nature of the school in relation to:
 - The induction of Early Career Teachers and other staff
 - The provision of professional advice and support and the identification of training needs
 - Students under training/work experience
- 5.5 To demonstrate effective leadership, representation and liaison both within the school and other interested or involved persons or Boards.
- 5.6 To maintain good relationships with individuals, groups and staff unions and associations.
- 5.7 To effectively line manage members of staff as directed by the headteacher

6. The management of resources

- 6.1 To contribute to the formulation of the school's policies and procedure concerning resource management in accordance with the school's Mission Statement.
- 6.2 To allocate, control and account for those financial and material resources of the school which are delegated by the Headteacher.
- 6.3 To promote an attractive environment which stimulates learning, enhances the appearance of the school and expresses its Catholic identity.
- 6.4 To contribute to arrangements for the security and effective supervision of the school buildings, their contents and grounds, including aspects of health and safety.
- 6.5 To maintain effective working relationships with external agencies and services

7. Relationships

- 7.1 To advise and assist the Governing Board as required in the exercising of its functions including attending meetings and making reports.
- 7.2 To assist in liaison and co-operation with Diocesan and Trust colleagues and support services.
- 7.3 To help in maintaining and developing effective communications with parents, as the prime educators, and to provide effective responses to concerns regarding their children's education.

- 7.4 To assist in liaison with other educational establishments, especially other Catholic institutions, in order to promote the continuity of learning, progression of achievement and curriculum development.
- 7.5 To assist in liaison with other professional bodies, agencies and services.
- 7.6 To develop and maintain positive links and relationships with the parish communities, local organisations and employers:
 - To promote a positive image of the school
 - To ensure that the school plays a constructive role in the life of the parish and community and that its curriculum draws on the nature and resources of that community.
- 7.7 Create an outward-facing school which work with other schools, organisations and the local community to champion best practice and secure excellent achievements for all pupils.

This job description forms part of the contract of employment of the person appointed to the post. It reflects the position at the present time only and may be reviewed in negotiation with the employee in the future. The appointment is subject to the current conditions of employment in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document as they relate to Deputy Headteacher.

Personal Specification

Deputy Headteacher

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust

[A] Faith Commitment

		Essential	Desirable	Source
1.	Practising Catholic	E		A/I/R
2.	Involvement in parish community		D	A/I/R

To be able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the following in the context of a Catholic school.

		Essential	Desirable	Source
3.	Leading school worship	E		A/I
4.	Ways of developing religious education and worship		D	A/I
5.	A commitment to strategic thinking and planning that builds, communicates and carries forward a coherent and shared vision for the Catholic ethos of the school.	E		A/I
6.	How relationships should be fostered and developed between the school, parish and its community and Diocese of Shrewsbury		D	A/I

[B] Qualifications

		Essential	Desirable	Source
7.	Qualified teacher status	E		A/CC
8.	Degree	E		A/CC
9.	CCRS/CTC or commitment to obtaining the certificate	E		A/CC/I

[C] Professional Development

		Essential	Desirable	Source
10.	Evidence of appropriate professional development for the role of Deputy Headteacher	E		A
11.	Evidence of recent leadership and management professional development	E		A
12.	Has successfully undertaken appropriate safeguarding training and knowledge of legislation for the protection of young people	E		A
13.	Has successfully undertaken Designated Safeguarding Lead Training		D	A/I/CC
14.	Has completed the Catholic Senior Leadership Programme or has a commitment to doing so	E		A/I/CC

[D] School leadership and management experience

		Essential	Desirable	Source
15.	To have substantial and current experience as a senior leader in a secondary school	E		A/I/R
16.	To have had active and effective leadership of a team/ key stage/ curriculum area	E		A/I/R
17.	To have taken an active involvement in school self-evaluation and development of a relevant and effective curriculum	E		A/I/R
18.	To have involvement in or understanding of financial management in a school		D	A/I/R
19.	To have implemented and developed a whole school initiative	E		A/I/R
20.	To have had responsibility for policy development and implementation	E		A/I/R
21.	To have had experience of and ability to contribute to staff development across secondary age range		D	A/I/R
22.	Work positively with parents and carers	E		A/I/R
23.	To demonstrate an awareness of current national educational policy	E		A/I/R

[E] Experience and knowledge of teaching

		Essential	Desirable	Source
24.	Experience of teaching in more than one school		D	A/I/R
25.	Experience of teaching in a school in similar circumstances/ serving a similar community		D	A/I
26.	Significant teaching experience and proven excellence in teaching pupils within the secondary phase	E		A/I/R
27.	To have a knowledge and understanding of all Key Stages in the secondary phase	E		A/I/R
28.	Secure understanding of assessment strategies, data analysis and the use of assessment to maximise achievement	E		A/I/R
29.	To be able to exemplify how the needs of all pupils have been met through high quality teaching	E		A/I/R

[F] Professional Attributes

		Essential	Desirable	Source
30.	To be able to demonstrate an understanding, awareness and empathy for the needs of the pupils at this school and how these could be met.	E		I
31.	To be able to demonstrate a clear rationale for behaviour management and a proven track record of the effective implementation of a range of behaviour management strategies.	E		I
32.	To have excellent written and oral communication skills (which will be assessed at all stages of the process)	E		A/I
33.	To be a leader of learning demonstrating, promoting and encouraging outstanding classroom practice	E		A/I/R
34.	Show a good commitment to sustained attendance at work	E		A/I/R

[G] Professional Skills

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they meet the Teachers' Standards (England) which are set out in detail in the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document. The Deputy Headteacher must be exemplary and be able to:

- Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils
- Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils
- Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge

- Plan and teach well-structured lessons
- Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils
- Make accurate and productive use of assessment
- Manage behaviour effectively
- Fulfil wider professional responsibilities

[H] Personal Qualities

All of the following are considered essential for the post and will be assessed through interview and reference:

- Continue to promote the school's strong educational philosophy and values
- Inspire, challenge, motivate and empower teams and individuals to achieve high goals
- Inspire trust in the school community
- Communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in written English
- Demonstrate personal enthusiasm and commitment to leadership aimed at making a positive difference to children and young people
- Build and maintain quality relationships through interpersonal skills and effective communication
- Demonstrate personal and professional integrity, including modelling values and vision
- Manage and resolve conflict
- Prioritise, plan and organise themselves and others
- Think analytically and creatively and demonstrate initiative in solving problems
- Be aware of their own strengths and areas for development and listen to, and reflect constructively and act upon as appropriate, feedback from others
- Demonstrate a capacity for sustained hard work with energy and vigour

[I] Confidential References and Reports

A positive and supportive faith reference from a priest where the applicant regularly worships.	E
Positive recommendation from all referees, including current employer.	E
A further supportive professional reference	E

Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust reserves the right in exceptional cases to seek additional references from other former employees where this seems appropriate.

The governors reserve the right to withdraw the offer of an interview should a positive and supportive faith reference not be received.

[J] Important advice regarding faith references

As you are aware the person specification for the post to which you are making an application states that you are asked to provide a faith reference from a priest where you regularly worship. **Priests will be asked to confirm a minimum of 12 months continuous practice.**

The Governing Body will be seeking to appoint a practising Catholic who joins in the parish celebration of the Sunday Eucharist and receives the sacraments regularly.

At a time when priests are increasingly assuming responsibility for larger pastoral areas it is becoming increasingly common for priests not to know parishioners as well as they might have in the past. In the light of this we offer the following advice when seeking faith references.

1. Speak to the priest before completing your application and ask if he agrees to your including him as a referee.

2. Provide him with an outline of

- your involvement in parish life e.g., Eucharistic minister, reader, etc (it may be that currently you are not heavily involved in parish life due to other commitments)
- your present post – school, areas of responsibility
- the post to which you are applying – name of school, post, etc

By following the above advice, you are able to prepare the priest for the reference request and so ensure it will be completed as fully as possible.

[K] Application Form and Supporting Statement

Source Key: A = Application Form I = Interview R = References CC = Checking Certificates

Note: Candidates failing to meet any of the essential criteria will automatically be excluded

If you would like to apply for the position, you should complete the application form which is available at 'Apply Now' in myNewTerm. The supporting statement should be typed in Arial 12, not exceed 1300 words in length, be clear, concise and related to the specifics of the post advertised above in order to gain an interview .