



St Lewis Catholic Primary School,  
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## **Headteacher Secondment Opportunity (Interim) – 12 months from September 2026**

**Group 1 Leadership Pay Range: L12–L18**

**Number on roll: 94**

Are you a practising Catholic with the heart and ambition to lead a small school where relationships, faith and high expectations sit at the centre of everything we do? Do you thrive in a close-knit community where every child is known, valued and challenged to flourish? If so, this could be the role that truly fits your vocation.

St Lewis Catholic Primary School is a small, vibrant rural school with a deep sense of mission. Our Catholic life is lived authentically and our community is welcoming and proud. In our setting, leadership is visible and impactful: you will know every family, work closely with staff, and shape a curriculum that is ambitious, creative and rooted in the needs of each child.

Our building is set in beautiful grounds that enrich our curriculum and support the holistic development of every child, fostering a love of the outdoors, wellbeing and first-hand, experiential learning.

The Governors of St Lewis' are offering an exciting secondment opportunity for an interim headteacher with a small teaching commitment. This post would suit an experienced senior leader aspiring to headship, or a serving headteacher supported by a deputy headteacher who can step up to headship within their own school during the secondment period.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, values-driven and ambitious leader who:

- is a practising Catholic, with a clear vision and commitment to Catholic education and the mission of the Church;
- puts children first, inspiring them to love learning and enabling every pupil to achieve and develop their unique gifts;
- builds and sustains a culture of high expectations, challenge, respect and ambition for all;
- leads, motivates and develops staff, modelling professional learning, wellbeing and teamwork;
- is an excellent communicator who works in genuine partnership with parents, governors, the parish, local Catholic school clusters, the local authority and the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

We can offer:

- a committed, skilled and supportive Governing Body who understands and values the distinctive nature of leading a small school;
- committed staff who work collaboratively and place the wellbeing of every child at the heart of school life;
- enthusiastic, happy children who are eager to learn and have high expectations of themselves;
- a warm, caring community where Catholic life and mission are lived authentically;
- a beautiful small-school environment where relationships and belonging are at the heart of everything we do;
- strong and supportive partnerships with parents, parish and the wider community.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and strongly encouraged. To arrange a visit, please contact Miss Eriksson at the school office. For an informal discussion, please contact Maria McGarry - Chair of Governors on 07769741690.

This is a wonderful opportunity for leadership development and to serve a small rural Catholic school community. Expressions of interest should be submitted to our School Business Manager, Miss Elaine Eriksson, at [busman@stlewiscroft.co.uk](mailto:busman@stlewiscroft.co.uk) for the attention of the Chair of Governors. Please include a brief supporting statement outlining your suitability for the role and your availability for the secondment period.

Interested candidates should ensure they have the permission of their current headteacher, or (in the case of serving headteachers) their Chair of Governors, before applying.

Closing date: **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**