



# St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

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**Executive Headteacher: Mr D Copley**

**Acting Head of School: Mrs S Walsh**

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in our advertised post. We are proud of our school and its community, and we hope you find the following information useful in demonstrating its unique and special character.

## Our School

The history and traditions of St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School are cherished and built upon to provide the best possible quality Roman Catholic education, for the children of today and of the future. Originally founded in 1877 in Beamsley Street, for the purpose of educating the Roman Catholic children of Manningham and Heaton, our school continues to serve our Parish and local community.

St Cuthbert's is a friendly, warm and welcoming place. We follow the Gospel values shown to us by Jesus and provide the opportunity for pupils to achieve their potential, to develop and grow alongside others as children of God.

The school has close links with our parish and plays an important pastoral role in the community. We support many varied local initiatives and raise considerable funds for various charities each year, led ably by our Mini Vinnies group.

St Cuthbert's school is committed to developing excellent Early Years and primary practice. Children are recognised and treated as individuals. All school staff work hard to encourage and facilitate individual and group achievement. We seek to enable every child to become a responsible and caring member of both the school and the wider community in which they live. An extensive support system helps children with special needs and our school has an excellent record of pastoral care.

Parents are very welcome in school and are considered important and valuable partners in their children's education and our development. We encourage parents to visit us in school often, whether it is for a Stay and Play session, to read with their children during Book Week, to learn how to support their children with their learning, or to join our half-termly Coffee and Chat sessions.

We were delighted with our most recent **Section 48** when we were inspected and judged **Outstanding** in all areas. The school was inspected under the **Ofsted** short inspection, Section 8, in July 2019. The inspector found not only that we continue to be a **Good** school, but that we may also have improved significantly again since the last inspection and therefore recommended we be inspected again under Section 5, which would give us the chance to change our overall grading. St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School is consistently one of the highest performing schools in the Bradford Local Authority and also one of the highest performing against similar schools nationally.



School of Sanctuary



We have worked hard to develop an engaging and varied curriculum which is tailored to the needs of our pupils and is based around three main strands: our Catholic virtues, eight transferable key skills and comprehensive subject knowledge.



We are open, friendly and very supportive of each other. We enjoy and work hard while pursuing our common aim of doing the best for all our children at all times.

We aim to provide a quality Catholic education in a safe, stimulating environment with a happy, purposeful and calm atmosphere where there is enjoyment and pride in individual and collective success.

St Cuthbert's school is an excellent place to work, either to develop or begin a career. We take pride in supporting the continuing professional development of all our staff, through high quality support and training both in school and through the Catholic Schools Partnership Teaching Schools Alliance.

### Designated Teaching School

St Cuthbert & The First Martyrs' was designated as a Teaching School in June 2017 as a result of the consistently outstanding outcomes achieved by pupils and the highly effective teaching and learning provided to pupils. Our school is the lead school in The Catholic Schools Partnership Teaching School Alliance.

### About the Post

As a designated teaching school, we are continually looking to build our capacity. The post of Assistant Headteacher will be permanent and will commence in January 2021.

We are an excellent school for teachers committed to their own professional development. Experienced teachers may have the opportunity to be designated as Specialist Leaders of Education (SLE's), working in and beyond our school.

This is an exciting opportunity for the right candidate. We are looking for practising Catholics or teachers with a commitment to the Catholic life and ethos, to join our successful school and help contribute to our focused and highly driven team. We are looking for an excellent teacher and leader. We would welcome candidates with experience of leading a phase or core subject and with personal attributes and qualities to work across a wider team.



### How to apply

If you wish to apply, please contact Mrs Mary Smith at [office@stcuthberts.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@stcuthberts.bradford.sch.uk) for an application pack or by completing the Catholic Education Service Application Form which is available for viewing and downloading from the CES website [www.cesew.org.uk](http://www.cesew.org.uk) please click on the Employment Documents tab at the top of the CES homepage and then follow the Application Form option from the drop-down menu. You will need to complete the Senior Leadership Application Form. The link will also be available at [www.prospectsonline.co.uk](http://www.prospectsonline.co.uk)

Applicants are advised to also read the CES Contract of Employment under which our Teachers will be employed and will be required to sign. This is also available for viewing at the above web address. In your pack you will find the job description and Personnel Specification.

**We can only accept applications using the CES application form.**

**Closing date for applications: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 12.00 noon**

**Interviews: Details will be given to the successful applicants.**

As mentioned previously, virtual visits to the school are most welcome. Please speak to Mrs Mary Smith or Mrs Karen Caine, our Administrative staff, to make an appointment.

Thank you for your interest in our School. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Daniel Copley  
Executive Headteacher



Sarah Walsh  
Acting Head of School