



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Dear Candidate

Thank you for your interest in St. Michael's School.

As we say in the job advert, St. Michael's is a well-respected, over-subscribed primary school in the thriving semi-rural village of Dalston near Carlisle. Dalston is within easy reach of the Lake District and is in itself, a very desirable place to live and work.

St Michael's is proud and fond of the village of Dalston, and similarly Dalston has a long history of involvement with St. Michael's. We have close ties with the church and with the local secondary school which we believe are of mutual benefit to all. The school has a strong family atmosphere in which children and staff are encouraged to respect and take care of each other.

We have a single class intake with, currently, 220 on the roll. For quite a large number of years we have been oversubscribed, with about 50% of the intake coming from within the large, mainly semirural, catchment area. Whilst this does not make balancing the books an easy matter, it does to a certain extent mean that we avoid some of the problems experienced by smaller schools.

We are very sad that our current head has decided to leave but fully expect to find someone keen to carry on the work he has started as well as bring their own vision and strategy to the school.

These are challenging times but St Michael's can provide a strong and supportive governing body, a keen and dedicated staff (both teaching and non-teaching), and community support and involvement.

The timescale for this whole process is quite tight, but there is still plenty of time to have a look round the school, and the village. If you would like to arrange this, please contact the clerk to the governors, Mrs Carol McDonald on 01228 711544 after the holidays, from Friday 1 September.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Withers
Chair of Governors