

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

Class Teacher (full-time): Maternity cover for 2026-27

Required from September 2026

Scale: MPS / UPS

An exciting opportunity has become available at Sacred Heart to join our teaching staff, initially on a temporary basis. The role will cover the maternity leave of one of our teachers for the school year 2026-27 and the candidate's preferred Year groups will be taken into consideration. There is a possibility for the role to become permanent thereafter, depending on a permanent vacancy being available.

The Governors of our school invite applications from talented, passionate and caring teachers who can promote a love of learning. Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery is a friendly, loving and supportive school serving the parishes of Sacred Heart and St John Fisher in Southend-On-Sea. We are part of the Assisi Catholic Trust of eight schools and a Catholic school that welcomes all!

We welcome applications from qualified teachers who can demonstrate their talent and enthusiasm for teaching and learning through consistently good practice. Inspiring, engaging and well-pitched, adaptive teaching is important to us. We are interested to hear from reflective learners who build excellent relationships with pupils, staff and parents.

What we offer:

- Wonderful children who are well behaved, kind, caring and enjoy coming to school
- A diverse community of engaged families, working together with staff
- A collaborative and supportive staff team with a tangible sense of team spirit
- An inclusive school where everyone works hard to ensure that pupils, whatever their starting point, receive stimulating learning experiences and support
- A culture of questioning all we do, removing or adapting unnecessary workload and promoting wellbeing
- Coupled with the above, a focus on finding the most effective ways of working to promote pupil progress and staff development

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Applicants need to be supportive of the school's Catholic ethos (applications are invited from Catholic and non-Catholic candidates).

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All posts are subject to pre-employment checks and Enhanced DBS clearance. References will be sought and an online search carried out on applicants as part of our due diligence.

Please contact the Headteacher via email at chrisbeazeley@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk to arrange a visit or call on 01702 414200 for an application pack. All applicants will be required to complete the *Catholic Education Service* application form.

Closing date: Thursday 14th May 2026 at 1pm

Interview date: Week beginning 18th May 2026