

**Class Teacher (full-time): Maternity cover****Required from January 2027****Scale: MPS / UPS**

An exciting opportunity has become available at Sacred Heart to join our teaching staff, initially on a fixed-term basis. The role will cover the maternity leave for a teacher for the remainder of the school year 2026-27 (from January) and will be based in Year 1. 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 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
- A focus on finding the most effective ways of working to promote pupil progress and staff development

Visits to the school encouraged and 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 School office via email at office@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: Friday 25th September 2026 at 10am
Interview date: Thursday 1st October 2026