



**St. Matthew's**  
Roman Catholic High School  
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



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## INFORMATION PACK

### Foundation Governor



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We **Care**  
We **Achieve**

Welcome.

Thank you for taking the time to consider applying for the post of Foundation governor.

The core business of St Matthew's is teaching, learning and achievement. Our core purpose is our Catholic ethos. We strive to ensure each young person receives the highest standard of education, that ensures they are ready for life beyond school when this comes. We believe each young person should be the best version of themselves, and we will work together in a Christ centred, child centred manner, to ensure this happens.

My vision is clear. I expect the highest standards, in order to achieve the best for our young people. I am a parent and therefore know how precious every child is. I am committed to working in partnership with parents and know that by working together we will ensure that every child enjoys school, is happy and has the opportunity to thrive and achieve their best.

St Matthew's has recently converted to a voluntary academy within the Emmaus Multi Academy Trust, part of the Salford Diocese. We are looking to appoint a Foundation governor who will work with us as we embark upon the next phase of our school journey.

This is a voluntary position with the Local Governing Body, providing strategic leadership and accountability in schools. The role has three key functions:

- To hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- To oversee the financial performance of the school making sure that money is well spent.

In order to strengthen the collective skills of the current governors, we are looking for an individual who has an expertise in business and finance. This would include contributing to the strategic discussions at governing board meetings (approx. 6 per year) which determine the school's budget, and further supporting the governing body in demonstrating that it is aware of the financial situation and is trying to manage it. Previous school governor experience is not essential and we would be able to offer further training as necessary. Ideally, this governor will have an experienced financial background and be able to ask challenging questions of school leaders.

I hope that the information in this pack is useful for you. If you would like to arrange an informal visit, or a follow up telephone call, please contact Mrs Gibson, Headteacher's PA, on 0161 681 6178 or by email [k.gibson@smrchs.com](mailto:k.gibson@smrchs.com).

Mr A Nightingale  
Headteacher

## **SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**

St Matthew's RC High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All offers of appointment are subject to an Enhanced DBS check, and where applicable, a prohibition from teaching check will be completed for all applicants. In line with our commitments to safeguarding, St Matthew's RC High School uses preferred agencies and is unable to work with any agencies where Terms of Business have not been agreed by both parties prior to an engagement. St Matthew's is fully committed to equality and to valuing diversity as an employer and a provider of education.