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*'Loving, Learning, growing together'*

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Dear Applicant

### Teaching Assistants

Thank you for your interest in the above post we have advertised recently in our school. This is an exciting opportunity for enthusiastic, effective and caring people to join our special and hard working staff team. We are looking for a teaching assistant to support Year 6 children to assist with their social skills and learning. I enclose an information pack which we hope will give you further background information about our school and encourage you to apply for one of the posts and join us at Christ the Sower School.

Our school is unique as an ecumenical voluntary aided school and we are in our fifth year of opening. We currently have 434 children on roll in 14 single year classes (4-11 yrs) and also a large Nursery Class (3+). As a Church school we have a very open admissions policy and accept children from all faith backgrounds. We work hard to promote understanding the Christian faith and help our children. We serve the local community in Grange Farm, Medbourne and Oakhill situated on the West Flank of Milton Keynes.

Working at our school is hard work, yet rewarding and great fun. We all enjoy working as a team shaping ideas and policies together; we have seen things growing, developing and flourishing over the past five years. Our school has a very special focus on people, nurturing and developing every individual to meet their potential and ensure they feel valued. As an ecumenical voluntary aided school we have an important role to play within the wider community and we welcome many new faces from many different religions and cultures into our school. Four Christian denominations and many partner churches are working closely together to promote, support and establish this school. We are working closely with the Watling Valley Ministry team to explore and encourage spiritual development throughout the curriculum and provide pastoral support within the community.

**Christ the Sower School building** is finished to a very high specification and has many special features including specialist teaching areas for food technology, science and art, a learning resource area for ICT, a library, a music room, small break out rooms and a spacious hall. There is also a 'Soul space' and an internal courtyard which we are developing as a quiet reflection garden. The school is classroom based with an attached external garden for each year group. The purpose built Foundation Stage base comprises of 2 Reception classrooms and a Nursery classroom, with an extensive outdoor area, an office and a parent's room. New technology is a key feature of our school; Projectors, interactive whiteboards and laptop trolleys for children encourage us to be creative with our use of ICT to develop a rich and exciting learning environment.

### **The Staff Team**

I am committed to creating a highly successful learning community and am looking for sparkling, enthusiastic and energetic staff who will work well together as a team and enjoy learning together. The Governing Body would very much welcome an application from you if you feel you meet the person specification and have the energy and commitment to work in our unique school. We offer you this opportunity with the assurance of high level support and professional development from the LEA and the Diocese of Oxford. Voluntary Aided Schools are not a common feature in Milton Keynes and we are looking to be distinctive in offering a first rate learning environment for the community within a Christian context. All children and staff will be welcomed and encouraged whatever their faith background.

If you would like to discuss the post further or have any queries about the school, please do not hesitate to contact Jan Wainwright (Office Manager) or myself at the school office (01908) 867356. Visits to the school are also welcome.

Thank you for your interest, I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Anne Hamilton  
Headteacher