

RECRUITMENT PACK

Operations Manager

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WELCOME FROM SINEAD COLBECK, EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in our permanent, part time School Operations Manager at St Augustine of Canterbury RC Primary School, working 22.5 hours per week. We are looking for someone who is experienced in overseeing the daily operations of a school including human resources, premises management, health and safety management, operational management and administrative support. The role supports the school leadership team to ensure all systems and resources are in place for effective teaching and learning.

With the Catholic faith permeating all aspects of school life, we endeavour to provide a safe, secure, creative and inspiring environment for our children. You would become part of a caring Catholic community with a supporting and hardworking team along with opportunities for CPD and training.

At St Augustine of Canterbury Roman Catholic Primary School, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All stakeholders must share this commitment.

We wish you every success with your application.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Sinead Colbeck
Executive Headteacher

JOB ADVERT

OPERATIONS MANAGER

PERMANENT/ TERM TIME PLUS TWO WEEKS

GRADE 6, SCP 11-19 £28,142 - £32,061 FTE (£15,231 - £17,352 PRO-RATA)

22.5 HOURS PER WEEK (DAYS AND TIMES BY NEGOTIATION)

RESPONSIBLE TO: EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

MAIN LOCATION: ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

REQUIRED TO COMMENCE: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

The Board of Directors of the Romero Catholic Academy Trust, alongside The Governors of St Augustine of Canterbury RC Primary School, are seeking to recruit a confident, highly skilled, self-motivated individual to join the school as a School Operations Manager.

The successful applicant will have the highest personal and professional standards with good knowledge of current educational issues. They will be highly driven and be able to demonstrate the ability to lead and deliver improvements within the business functions of the school in order to support teaching and learning. You will be a strong team player with exceptional interpersonal and communication skills and have the ability to develop, manage and motivate staff in the relevant areas.

If you feel you have the right skills and attributes we are looking for, then we will be delighted to hear from you. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school office on **01282 426938** or head@st-augustines.lancs.sch.uk.

Full details are available from the 'My New Term' website [Education Job Search | Find Teaching, Leadership & School Support Jobs](#) .

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check.

Closing Date	20 th March 2026 @ 8.00AM
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OPERATIONS MANAGER

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB PURPOSE

The School Operations Manager will oversee the daily operational functions of a school, including human resources, premises management, health and safety management, operational management and administrative support. The role supports the school leadership team to ensure all systems and resources are in place for effective teaching and learning.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Your duties and responsibilities will include:

HUMAN RESOURCES/ WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CENTRALISED HR SERVICE, YOU WILL:

- Support the Headteacher and liaise with the HR Team on all relative recruitment activity.
- Support the Headteacher and liaise with the HR Team on any relative HR or staff related activity and administration.
- Provide confidential and professional support for the Headteacher and Leadership Team.
- To maintain the school Single Central Record, process DBS checks for new starters and complete any other administrative tasks to ensure the school is compliant with Safeguarding requirements.
- Management of the induction process in line with Trust procedures.
- Completion of monthly payroll tasks including inputting new staff onto the payroll system and monthly overtime and mileage claims.
- Check stage 1 and stage 2 payroll and report any issues.
- Management of HR records for Headteacher.
- To organise staff training and update records as appropriate.
- To support the monitoring of staff sickness absence escalating poor attendance in line with appropriate policies.
- To produce staffing information for Governors reports.

PREMISES MANAGEMENT / WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CENTRALISED ESTATES SERVICE, YOU WILL:

- Have responsibility for premises staff and liaise with external cleaning contractors.
- Monitor the condition of buildings on site and monitor the Capital projects plan to apply for SCA funding.
- Review and negotiate service level agreements and contracts in relation to premises management with Trust input.
- Liaise with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure that the schools facilities meet the school curriculum needs and plans.
- Work closely with the Headteacher to develop and implement business continuity and emergency/disaster recovery plans.
- Liaise with Finance Manager to ensure that any facilities related works or expenditure complies with procurement and purchasing procedures and is delivered within budget.
- To provide reports on premises for Governors.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT / WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE H&S MANAGER YOU WILL:

- Ensure that all staff receive suitable information, training, instruction and supervision to maintain their health, safety and wellbeing.
- Work with the Site Supervisor on IAM compliant to manage the health and safety statutory reporting and compliance tracking.
- Liaise with the Headteacher in relation to fire procedures taking responsibility for planned and emergency evacuations in the role of Lead Fire Warden
- As the school's Lead Fire Warden ensure all legislation requirements are in place, fire notices are displayed and records are kept up to date, with regular fire practice drills.
- Ensure all lockdown drills are completed in line with DFE requirements.
- Implement Risk Assessments across the school to ensure hazards are appropriately removed or managed.
- Liaise with Site Supervisor to ensure systems are in place to enable the identification of hazards.
- Produce reports for Governors from IAM Compliant.

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- To be responsible for accurate Workforce and Student Census and Pupil Assessment Data returns, ensuring all statutory data returns are completed in line with published deadlines.
- Organise the taking of accurate minutes of meetings, dissemination and monitoring of action logs.
- Produce, and respond to, correspondence on behalf of the leadership team and Headteacher.
- To update and maintain the school website and social media outlets ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.
- To oversee the policy management system ensuring that all staff receive and read relevant policies.
- To be actively involved in the marketing of the school.
- To promote and support school events and publications.
- To liaise with the press on marketing initiatives.
- Responsible for ensuring high standards of office and secretarial practice and running of administration services in the school.
- To manage the reception area, ensuring robust safeguarding procedures, and ensuring visitors are dealt with in a polite and efficient manner.
- Prepare the new academic year in SIMS and take responsibility for the promotion of year groups and structures within the system.
- Maintain accurate pupil records, including the management of pupil transfer data (CTF files) in collaboration with the governing body, Local Authority and other schools.
- Manage system permissions; ensuring staff have adequate access that is appropriate to their role within the school.
- Support the admissions process liaising with local authority, Governors and Business Support Officer/ Pastoral Manager.

MARKETING

- To be actively involved in the marketing of the school.
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ADDITIONAL

- To work flexibly and to undertake other duties which may be reasonably required of the role through discussion with the Headteacher.
- To attend evening meetings and school events when required.
- To support and demonstrate a commitment to the distinctive Catholic mission and ethos of the school.

In addition, other duties at no higher a responsibility level may be interchanged with/added to this list at any time.

OPERATIONS MANAGER

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications	Essential (E) Desirable (D)	Evidenced by: Application (A) Certificate (C) Interview (I) Test (T) Reference (R)
Qualifications and Training		
GCSE Maths and English A-C or equivalent (or equivalent level of experience.	E	A / C
Business and administration qualification (NVQ and above) or equivalent experience.	E	A / C
Evidence of continuous professional development.	E	A / C / I
Educated at degree level	D	A / C
Touch typing/word processing qualification	D	A / C
Experience		
Experience of working in an office environment.	E	A / I
Experience of working in a school or similar setting.	E	A / I
Experience of clerical and administrative support.	E	A / I
Competent user of the full Microsoft Office suite of programmes.	E	A / I
Experience in maintenance of computerised and paper records.	E	A / I
Experience of using SIM, Oracle Fusion and iAM Compliant.	D	A / I
Experience of leading and managing teams including recruitment, professional development and performance management.	D	A / I
Knowledge, skills and abilities		
Skilled at communicating effectively with a range of stakeholders using a variety of systems (written, verbal, email).	E	A / I / R
An excellent understanding of up-to-date safeguarding requirements.	E	A / I / R
Knowledge and understanding of Health and Safety legislation.	E	I / R
Ability to work to deadlines and make appropriate decisions in a highly pressured environment.	E	I / R
Knowledge of school policy and procedures	D	A / I / R

Personal Qualities			
Able to work collaboratively with own team members and wider school community.	E	I / R	
A commitment to upholding and promoting the values of the school. High level of initiative.	E	I / R	
Strong interpersonal skills and commitment to upholding the Nolan Principles of Public Life.	E	I / R	
Resilient, with ability to deliver a complex and demanding workload. Ability to establish and maintain confidential and sensitive relationships with parents, staff and pupils.	E	I / R	
Excellent organisation and planning capability, managing multiple cyclical priorities.	E	A / I / R	
Excellent communication skills.	E	I / R	
Ability to remain calm and positive when dealing with children and parents.	E	I / R	
A flexible approach to work and ability to adapt to the changing needs of the school	E	A / I / R	
Commitment to the Trust's ethos and values	E	I / R	
Other			
Commitment to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people	E	I	
Commitment to equality and diversity	E	I	
Commitment to health and safety	E	I	
Willing to undertake first aid training.	D	I	
Note: We will always consider your references before confirming a job offer in writing			
Prepared by:	HR Team	Date:	February 2026

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We are committed to achieving equal opportunities in the way we deliver services to the community and in our employment arrangements. We expect all employees to understand and promote this policy in their work.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

All employees have a responsibility for their own health and safety and that of others when carrying out their duties and must help us to apply our general statement of health and safety policy.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory DBS Enhanced Disclosure. An enhanced DBS check and pre-occupational health check are an essential part of the selection and recruitment process.

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance enhances the service delivered by the Trust, minimises staffing difficulties and ensures best value to the schools. It is essential that applicants for positions in the Trust can evidence a previous satisfactory attendance record/commitment to sustaining regular attendance at work.

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HOW TO APPLY

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