



# PRESTFELDE

## Recruitment, Selection and Disclosures Policy and Procedure

Summer 2021  
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### References

ISI Commentary on the Regulatory Requirements September, 2019

DfE Statutory Guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', September 2020:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

### 1. General

Prestfelde School (“the School”) is committed to ensuring the best possible environment for the children and young people in its care. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people is our highest priority.

The School aims to recruit staff that share and understand our commitment and to ensure that no job applicant is treated unfairly by reason of a protected characteristic as defined within the Equality Act 2010.

All queries on the School’s Application Form and recruitment process must be directed to the Bursar

An entry will be made on the Single Central Register for all current members of staff at the School, the proprietorial body and all individuals who work in regular contact with children including volunteers, supply staff and those employed as third parties.

All checks will be made in advance of appointment or as soon as practicable after appointment.

### 2. Scope of this Policy

The Recruitment, Selection and Disclosures Policy and Procedure herewith refers and applies to staff directly recruited and employed by the School. In the Education (Independent Schools Standards) (England) Regulations 2014, staff are defined as:

*Any person working at the School whether under a contract of employment, under a contract for services or otherwise than under a contract, but does not include supply staff or a volunteer.*

In the case of agency or contract workers, the School shall obtain written confirmation from the agency or company that it has carried out the appropriate checks. The School conducts identity checks on agency and contract workers on arrival in School and, in the case of agency workers

which includes supply staff, the School must be provided with a copy of the DBS check for such staff.

The School will check with the relevant supply agency that the required checks have been carried out (identity, enhanced disclosure – renewed every 3 years, right to work in the UK, barred list, prohibition, qualifications, overseas checks plus in line with KCSIE two references, declaration of medical fitness, check of previous employment history). The Single Central Register shows these checks have been made and the School carries out its own identity check and has seen a copy of the disclosure (whether or not it discloses any information).

Certain individuals are automatically disqualified from acting in senior management positions within a charity. Whether an individual falls into the category of a senior management position is judged using the following criteria:

- A person who is accountable only to the governors and who carries overall responsibility for the day-to-day management and control of the charity.
- A person who is accountable only to the Head or the governors, and who is responsible for the overall management and control of the charity's finances.

Being disqualified means that a person can't take on, or stay in, a senior manager position – even on an interim basis, unless the Charity Commission has removed (or 'waived') the disqualification.

In respect of contractors, unchecked contractors will under no circumstances be allowed to work unsupervised in School. The School will determine the appropriate level of supervision depending on the circumstances.

Any staff who TUPE transfer into the School's staff will be required to undertake the statutory requirements with regard to safer recruitment checks.

If staff are transferred under TUPE (gap of three months or less and information complete) information will be passed to the new employer and a note made on the Single Central Register that details have been accepted under TUPE.

### **3. Advertising**

Once the need for an appointment has been identified the school will proceed to advertise internally, locally and nationally as appropriate depending on the position. Advertisements will carry information about the School and the post. Potential candidates will find a candidate information pack on the website which will contain the following:

- If necessary, a brief letter from the Head/Bursar. This will include details of how to apply for the post (e.g. what is required in a letter) and the closing date
- Details of the post
- A Job Description and Person Specification
- Information about the School
- An Application Form
- A Monitoring Form

### **4. Application Form**

The School will only accept applications from candidates completing the relevant Application Form in full. CVs will not be accepted in substitution for completed Application Forms.

The School will make candidates aware that all posts in the School involve some degree of responsibility for safeguarding children, although the extent of that responsibility will vary according to the nature of the post. Candidates for employed posts will receive a Job Description and Person Specification for the role applied for.

Checks will be made of previous employment history to ascertain satisfactory reasons for any gaps in employment. These checks will then be checked against references and any discrepancies discussed with the candidate.

The successful applicant will be required to complete a Disclosure Form from the Disclosure and Barring Service (“DBS”) for the position and, where appropriate, a check of the Barred List will be undertaken. Any offer of employment will be conditional on obtaining such satisfactory checks. Additionally, successful applicants should be aware that they are required to notify the school immediately if they are any reasons why they should not be working with children. This includes any staff who are disqualified from childcare or registration

The statutory guidance “Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 (July 2018)” applies to those providing early years childcare or later years childcare, including before school and after school clubs, to children who have not attained the age of 8 AND to those who are directly concerned in the management of that childcare.

The school takes its responsibility to safeguard children very seriously and any staff member and/or successful candidate who is aware of anything that may affect his/her suitability to work with children must notify their line manager immediately. This will include notification of any convictions, cautions, court orders, reprimands or warnings he/she may receive.

Staff and/or successful candidates who are disqualified from childcare or registration may apply to Ofsted for a waiver of disqualification. Such individuals may not be employed in the areas from which they are disqualified, or involved in the management of those settings, unless and until such waiver is confirmed. Please speak to the Bursar for more details.

The School has a legal duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to have ‘due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism’. This is known as the Prevent duty. Schools are required to assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology. Accordingly, as part of the recruitment process, when an offer is made the offer will be subject to a Prevent duty risk assessment [more guidance for schools from the DfE on this can be found at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439598/prevent-duty-departmental-advice-v6.pdf)].

If the candidate is currently working with children, on either a paid or voluntary basis, the School will ask their current employer about disciplinary offences, including disciplinary offences relating to children or young persons (whether the disciplinary sanction is current or time expired), and whether the candidate has been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and if so the outcome of any enquiry or disciplinary procedure.

If the candidate is not currently working with children but has done so in the past, the School will ask the previous employer about those issues. Where neither the current nor previous employment has involved working with children, the School will still ask the current employer about the candidate’s suitability to work with children. Where the candidate has no previous employment history, the School may request character references which may include references from the candidate's school or university.

All candidates should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal by the School if they have been appointed, and a possible referral to the police and/or DBS.

## **5. Invitation to Interview**

The School will short list applicants according to the relevance and applicability of their professional attributes and personal qualities to the role. Short-listed applicants will then be invited to attend a formal interview at which his/her relevant skills and experience will be discussed in more detail.

All formal interviews will have a panel of at least three people chaired by the Head, Bursar or another designated senior member of staff. It is recommended best practice that at least one person on the appointment panel will have undertaken safer recruitment training. The Chair of Governors should chair the panel for the Bursar's and or Head's appointment. The interviewers involved will be required to state any prior personal relationship or knowledge of any of the candidates and a judgement will be made by the Chair as to whether or not an interviewer should withdraw from the panel. Should the Chair have a conflict of interest, the Vice Chair shall decide whether the Chair should withdraw from the panel.

The interview will be conducted in person and the areas which it will explore will include suitability to work with children.

All candidates invited to interview must bring documents confirming any educational and professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post (e.g. the original or certified copy of certificates, diplomas etc). Where originals or certified copies are not available for the successful candidate, written confirmation of the relevant qualifications must be obtained by the candidate from the awarding body.

The School requests that all candidates invited to interview also bring with them:

1. A current driving licence including a photograph or a passport or a full birth certificate;
2. A utility bill or financial statement issued within the last three months showing the candidate's current name and address;
3. Where appropriate any documentation evidencing a change of name;
4. Where applicable, proof of entitlement to work and reside in the UK.

**Please note that originals of the above are necessary. Photocopies or certified copies are not sufficient.**

Candidates with a disability who are invited to interview should inform the School of any necessary reasonable adjustments or arrangements to assist them in attending the interview

## **6. Selection Procedures**

Interviews will normally take place over the course of a day – more if it is for a senior post. The day will normally start with a welcome and introduction by the Head/Bursar and – at some stage for teachers – a tour of the School. Candidates also will need the opportunity to find out about the post and the team they will be working with. One of the interviewers should be Safer Recruitment qualified.

A variety of selection procedures will be used, for example:

- Interviews

- Teaching a lesson (for teaching staff, Associate Teachers and some support staff). This provides very important information especially about how well the candidates plan lessons, how they interact with pupils and how well they teach. This does need careful planning and pupils need to be told in advance what they are doing and why. Where it is not practical for a lesson to take place, something as simple as a discussion between the candidate and a group of pupils can provide useful insights.
- In-tray exercises. These show how effectively candidates can organise their work and communicate in writing. Time needs to be set aside later in the day for their work to be scrutinised.
- The final interview will take place later in the day and will involve the key members of the appointment team. The final interview panel will receive feedback from each of the various selection activities that have taken place and then proceed to agree questions for the final interview.

Questions and tasks for all these activities need to have been worked out in advance. All candidates must be given the same questions and tasks to do although it is entirely appropriate to ask candidates about issues arising from their initial application and from other selection methods used on the day. Certainly any gaps in employment history must be questioned (safer-recruitment requirement).

## 7. Conditional Offer of Appointment: Pre-Appointment checks

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon:

1. Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received);
2. Verification of identity and qualifications including, where appropriate, evidence of the right to work in the UK (if not already received);
3. A satisfactory enhanced DBS check and, if appropriate, a check of the Barred List maintained by the DBS;
4. For a candidate to be employed as a teacher, a check that that the candidate is not subject to a prohibition order issued by the Secretary of State or any sanction or restriction imposed (that remains current) by the historic General Teaching Council for England before its abolition in March 2012. Teaching work is defined in The Teachers' Disciplinary (England) Regulations 2012 to encompass:
  - Planning and preparing lessons and courses for pupils;
  - Delivering and preparing lessons to pupils;
  - Assessing the development, progress and attainment of pupils; and
  - Reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils;
5. Verification of professional qualifications, including Qualified Teacher Status, where appropriate;
6. Verification of successful completion of statutory induction period (for teaching posts – applies to those who obtained QTS after 7 May 1999);
7. **Where the successful candidate has worked or been resident overseas:** Such checks and confirmations as the School may consider appropriate so that any relevant events that occurred outside the UK can be considered. **For an EEA teaching candidate:** This shall include the candidate providing the School with proof of his/her past conduct as a teacher in the form of a letter of professional standing from the professional regulating authority in the country in which s/he has worked];
8. Evidence of satisfactory medical fitness;
9. Confirmation that the candidate is not disqualified from providing childcare as set out in the statutory guidance "Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 (July 2018)" **OR** Receipt of a signed Staff Suitability Declaration form showing that the candidate is not disqualified from providing childcare as set out in the statutory guidance "Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 (July 2018)";

10. For a candidate to be employed into a senior management position as set out above under “Scope of this Policy”, receipt of a signed “senior charity manager positions: automatic disqualification declaration” confirming that the candidate is not disqualified from acting in a senior management position for a charity in accordance with the automatic disqualification rules for charities.
11. Where the successful candidate will be taking part in the management of the school, a check will be carried out under section 128 of the Independent Educational Provision in England (Prohibition on Participation in Management) Regulations 2014. This applies to all Governors, Senior Management Team and teaching heads of department[; and

It is the School's practice that a successful candidate must complete a pre-employment health questionnaire. The information contained in the questionnaire will then be held by the School in strictest confidence and processed in accordance with the Recruitment Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy. This information will be reviewed against the Job Description and the Person Specification for the particular role, together with details of any other physical or mental requirements of the role i.e. proposed workload, extra-curricular activities, and/or layout of the School.

The School is aware of its duties under the Equality Act 2010. No job offer will be withdrawn without first consulting with the applicant, considering medical evidence and considering reasonable adjustments.

## **8. References**

The School will seek the references referred to in section 5 above for shortlisted candidates (including internal applicants) and may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications, before interview. One of the references must be from the applicant's current or most recent employer. References must be received by a senior person with appropriate authority. If the candidate does not wish the School to take up references in advance of the interview, they should notify the School at the time of applying.

The School will ask all referees if the candidate is suitable to work with children.

The School will only accept references obtained directly from the referee and it will not rely on references or testimonials provided by the applicant or on open references or testimonials. The School will verify all references. Where references are received electronically, the School will ensure they originate from a legitimate source.

The School will compare any information provided by the referee with that provided by the candidate on the Application Form. Any inconsistencies will be discussed with the candidate.

## **9. Criminal Records Policy**

The School will refer to the Department for Education (“DfE”) document, ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ and any amended version in carrying out the necessary required DBS checks.

The School complies with the provisions of the DBS Code of Practice, a copy of which may be obtained on request, or accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-code-of-practice>.

There are limited circumstances where the school will accept a check from another educational institution which are as follows:

This is where the new member of staff (“M”) has worked in: –

- (a) A school or a maintained school in England in a position which brought M regularly into contact with children or young persons;
- (b) A maintained school in England in a position to which M was appointed on or after May 2006 and which did not bring M regularly into contact with children or young persons; or
- (c) An institution within the further education sector in England or in a 16 to 19 Academy in a position which involved the provision of education or which brought M regularly into contact with children or young persons, during a period which ended not more than three months before M’s appointment.
- (d)

In these circumstances the school may apply for a disclosure but is not required to do so. A new, separate barred list check will be obtained.

### **DBS Update Service**

Where an applicant subscribes to the DBS Update Service the applicant must give consent to the school to check there have not been changes since the issue of a disclosure certificate. A barred list check will still be required.

### **If disclosure is delayed**

A short period of work is allowed under controlled conditions, at the Head’s discretion. However, if an ‘enhanced disclosure’ is delayed, a Head may allow the member of staff to commence work:

- Without confirming the appointment;
- After a satisfactory check of the barred list if the person will be working in regulated activity and all other relevant checks (including any appropriate prohibition checks) having been completed satisfactorily;
- Provided that the DBS application has been made in advance;
- With appropriate safeguards taken (for example, loose supervision);
- Safeguards reviewed at least every two weeks by the Head/Bursar and member of staff;
- The person in question is informed what these safeguards are; and
- It is recommended, but is not a requirement, that a note is added to the single central register and evidence kept of the measures put in place.

## **10. Retention and Security of Records**

The School will comply with its obligations regarding the retention and security of records in accordance with the DBS Code of Practice and its obligations under its Data Protection Policy. Copies of DBS certificates will not be retained for longer than 6 months.

The School will comply with its data protection obligations in respect of the processing of criminal records information. More information on this is included in the Recruitment Privacy Notice and the Data Protection Policy.

## **11. Monitoring, evaluation & review**

Annex A is a recruitment checklist to use to ensure all the relevant safeguarding and other procedures have been followed

The School will evaluate its appointment procedures each year and make appropriate revisions. This will include asking people involved in selection procedures – staff, pupils, governors and candidates – how they can be improved.

## **12. Responsibilities**

- The Head – oversight of the policy and its implementation with the assistance of the Bursar.
- The Bursar – for overall responsibility for HR
- HR Clerk – For Administration of all SCR Checks.
- Head's PA – to support HR Clerk with collection of documentation for DBS checks.

## **ANNEXES**

- A. Recruitment Checklist.
- B. Safeguarding Statement and Advertisement Example
- C. Template Letter in Response to Expression of Interest
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DATE: Summer 2021 REVIEW DATE: Summer 2022

REVIEW BY: Bursar

## Annex A

### RECRUITMENT CHECKLIST

Action	Date	Completed by (please initial)
<p>The school's statement of commitment to safeguarding children and young people is shown in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The advertisement</li> <li>• Website recruitment page</li> <li>• Candidate information pack</li> <li>• Job description &amp; person specifications</li> <li>• Invitation to interview</li> </ul>		
Advertisement placed		
<p>Sent to Applicant (or on website):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application form</li> <li>- Equal Opportunities Monitoring form</li> <li>- Job description</li> <li>- Person specification</li> <li>- Child Protection Policy Statement</li> <li>- Application and Recruitment Process explanatory note</li> </ul>		
<p>Received from Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed Application form</li> </ul>		
Barred List (List 99) Check Completed		
Letter Invitation to Interview		
At least two reference requests sent		
References followed up over telephone (including school where last worked)		
Interview with written outcome		

Record kept of reasons for any gaps in employment		
Identification documents received (including name, address and DOB) (please copy and place on file)		
Evidence of right to work in UK		
Qualifications – incl as appropriate DFES/DoE registration number and evidence of qualified teacher status		
Rejection letter sent		
Conditional offer made Sent to Applicant - DBS Disclosure form  - Contract of Employment  - Health Declaration & Questionnaire  - Self-Certification Form (re Prohibition by association)		
Health Declaration signed		
Health Questionnaire		
Health enquiries made of referees		
DBS check received and satisfactory		
Barred list check received and satisfactory (where appropriate)		
If the candidate is undertaking a leadership role, evidence that the candidate is not prohibited from participating in the management of independent schools.		
EEA Check for individuals who have lived or worked overseas		
Prohibition Order check (for a candidate to be employed as a teacher).		
Self-certification Form signed and satisfactory.		
Evidence of overseas criminal records checks for applicants who have worked/lived abroad		
Check single central register completed		

File Complete: Signed Head/Bursar:

Date:

## SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT AND ADVERTISEMENT EXAMPLE

The following wording is to be used in all literature pertaining to recruitment:

*The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.*



PRESTFELDE

London Road, Shrewsbury, SY2 6NZ  
IAPS, Independent,  
Co-Educational Day & weekly Boarding School  
with 300 Pupils aged 3-13

## **ACCOUNTS MANAGER**

**Full time: Monday – Friday 08:45 – 16:45**

**Salary: £xx,xxx to £xx,xxx (or salary competitive) depending on experience and qualifications**

**Required start date: ASAP (for appropriate handover to take place)**

We are seeking a highly numerate, reliable, and enthusiastic person to be the Accounts Manager for this wonderful School. The role has responsibility for accounting functions and reports to the Bursar.

A comprehensive job description together with the application form can be obtained from the School's website [www.prestfelde.co.uk](http://www.prestfelde.co.uk) under Current Information/Staff Vacancies.

Essential Experience: Accounts preparation and payroll.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An Enhanced Certificate from the Disclosure & Barring Service is required for this post prior to commencement.

Please send completed application forms to Ms Claire Balmond at [cbalmond@prestfelde.co.uk](mailto:cbalmond@prestfelde.co.uk).



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Registered Charity No. 1102931*

**TEMPLATE LETTER IN RESPONSE TO EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Dear {}

Thank you for your expression of interest in the position of {} at Prestfelde School

Please find enclosed:

- The Application Form and explanatory notes about completing the form and the recruitment process.
- A Job Description and Person Specification.
- Equal opportunities monitoring form.
- The School's Child Protection Policy Statement.

To be considered for the post please return the completed Application Form, no later than {date}. We expect to be calling candidates to interview from/on {date}.

If you have a disability and need any assistance with the application process, or require the Application Form in large font please contact {} who will be happy to help with this. [***Please note that where possible it would be better for this to be directed to an individual not involved in the recruitment decisions***]

If you have any questions or would like any further information about the position please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Insert name

Insert position

## **Application and Recruitment Process Explanatory Notes**

### **Application Form**

1. Candidates should complete the enclosed application form in full. If you would like to submit a CV you may do so, but you must complete every section on the application form.
2. As part of the application process please provide a photocopy of your driving licence/passport for identification purposes. This should be attached to your application form.
2. Candidates should be aware that all posts in the school involve responsibility for safeguarding children, although the extent of that responsibility will vary according to the nature of the post. Please see the job description for the post. Accordingly, this post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore all convictions, cautions and bind-overs, including those regarded as 'spent' must be declared.
3. The successful applicant will be required to complete an application for a Disclosure and Barring Service Enhanced Certificate, previously known as a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).
4. We will seek references on shortlisted candidates and may approach any previous employer(s) for information to verify particular experience or qualifications.
5. If you are currently working with children, on either a paid or voluntary basis, your current, or most recent employer will be asked about disciplinary offences, including disciplinary offences relating to children or young persons (whether the disciplinary sanction is current or time expired), and whether you have been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and if so the outcome of any enquiry or disciplinary procedure. If you are not currently working with children but have done so in the past, that previous employer will be asked about those issues. Where neither your current nor previous employment has involved working with children, your current employer will still be asked about your suitability to work with children, although they may, where appropriate, answer 'not applicable' if your duties have not brought you into contact with children or young persons.
6. You should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if the applicant has been selected, and possible referral to the police and/or The Children's Safeguarding Operation Unit.

### **Conditional Offer of Appointment – Pre-Appointment Checks**

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon:

1. Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received).
2. Verification of identity and qualifications.
3. A check of List 99.
4. A satisfactory DBS Certificate at the enhanced level.
5. Where the successful candidate has worked or been resident overseas in the previous five years, such checks and confirmations as the school may require in accordance with statutory guidance.

# APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

Please complete all sections of this form and submit it with your letter of application. If you require more space to complete any section, please continue on a separate sheet and attach it to this form.

<b>1. POSITION APPLIED FOR:</b>	
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2. PERSONAL DETAILS			
<b>Forename:</b>		<b>Middle Name(s):</b>	
<b>Surname:</b>		<b>Previous Surname(s):</b>	

<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Town:</b>		<b>County:</b>	
<b>Postcode:</b>		<b>Mobile:</b>	
<b>Home Phone:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	

<b>National Insurance Number:</b>			
<b>Do you have permission to work in the UK?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Type of evidence to work in the UK? i.e. passport, visa</b>			
<b>If no, do you require sponsorship?</b>			
<b>Nationality:</b>			
<b>Do you hold a full driving licence?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If yes, vehicle classification:</b>
<b>Details of family including dependants:</b>			
<b>Do you have any close connections with member(s) of the Prestfelde staff or community?</b>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>If yes, please provide details:</b>	
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<b>3. EMPLOYMENT DETAILS</b>
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<b>Current or most recent employment</b>
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<b>Job Title:</b>	
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<b>Name &amp; Address of Employer:</b>	
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<b>Date Commenced:</b>		<b>Reporting To:</b>	
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<b>Current Salary:</b>		<b>Notice Period:</b>	
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<b>Reason for Leaving:</b>	
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<b>Briefly outline the main tasks and responsibilities in your current role</b>
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<b>Employment History (most recent first)</b>
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Employer's Name & Address	From - To MM / YYYY	Job Title & Main Responsibilities	Reason for Leaving

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<b>Gaps in employment history?</b>		<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If yes, please provide reasons for the gaps together with the specific dates including the month and year</b>			

<b>4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
<b>Please provide details of how your experience, skills and abilities are relevant to the requirements of the post as set out in the job description.</b>

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**5. EDUCATION, TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT DETAILS**

<b>Secondary Education School</b>	<b>Dates (From – To)</b>	<b>Qualification Awarded (Subject &amp; Level)</b>
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<b>Further / Higher Education</b>	<b>Dates (From – To)</b>	<b>Qualification Awarded (Subject &amp; Level)</b>
<b>Postgraduate Education</b>	<b>Dates (From – To)</b>	<b>Qualification Awarded (Subject &amp; Level)</b>
<b>Professional Qualifications</b>	<b>Dates (From – To)</b>	<b>Qualification Awarded (Subject &amp; Level)</b>
<b>Qualified Teacher Status:</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>TRN No:</b> .....	<b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>N/A</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

## 6. REFERENCES

Please supply the details of two referees and state what capacity the referee knows you. One referee should be your present (or most recent) employer. Where you are not currently working with children, but have done so in the past, one referee must be from that employer. Please note references will not be accepted from relatives or referees writing solely in the capacity of friends.

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Job Title:</b>		<b>Job Title:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>		<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Tel:</b>		<b>Tel:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Relationship:</b>		<b>Relationship:</b>	
<b>Dates Known:</b>		<b>Dates Known:</b>	
<p>It is our practice to contact referees prior to the interview process. If you do not wish us to contact your referee(s) without your prior consent, please place an asterisk against their name(s)</p>			

<b>7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	
<p>Please provide details of your hobbies and interests outside of work</p>	
<p>Please specify where you saw this post advertised:</p>	

<b>8. CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS</b>
<p>Due to the nature of the work of this post and the provision of Section 4(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 you are required to give details of criminal offences for which you have been convicted. Please note only convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not "protected" as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013) are required to be disclosed. Guidance and criteria</p>

on protected convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings can be found on the Disclosure & Barring Service website.

<b>Have you ever been found guilty of a criminal offence?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Has the Secretary of State of Education ever issued you with a personal warning or caused your name to be included on the Barred List which names those who may not be employed in schools?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet and enclose it with your application in an envelope marked 'Confidential'. You should be aware that the School will institute its own checks upon successful applicants for short listing with the Department for Education and police records.

Previous convictions will not automatically bar candidates and convictions will only be considered in relation to the post for which you have applied. However, failure to declare a conviction may disqualify you from the appointment or result in summary dismissal if the discrepancy comes to light.

Prestfelde is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Successful applicants will be required to consent to an Enhanced DBS check by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

### 9. DISCIPLINARY

Have you ever been subject to any disciplinary action or investigation or dismissal?	<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, please give details.

### 10. ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION ACT (1996)

Under this Act it is an offence to employ a person who is not entitled to live or work in the UK. In order to comply with this, you will be asked to provide a 'defined' document if you are selected for appointment.

### 11. DATA PROTECTION ACT (1998) and GDPR (2019)

All of the information collected in this form is necessary and relevant to the performance of the job applied for. We will use the information provided by you on this form, by the referees you have noted, and the educational institutions with whom we may undertake to verify your qualifications with, for recruitment purposes only. Prestfelde School will treat all personal information with the utmost confidentiality and in line with current data protection legislation. We rely on the lawful basis that *processing is necessary for the performance of the employment contract* to process the information provided by you in this form.

Should you be successful in your application, the information provided, and further information which will be gathered at the relevant time, will be subsequently used for the administration of your

employment and in relation to any legal challenge which may be made regarding our recruitment practices.

For more details on how we use the information you have provided, please see our privacy notice on our website.

## 12. MEDICAL STATEMENT

Are there any reasonable adjustments which you would require if selected for interview?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details:

Please note that any offer of employment made by the School for successful applicants will be conditional upon verification of medical fitness to ensure the proper performance, both physically and mentally, of the post in question. Successful applicants will be required to complete a medical questionnaire, which forms an essential part of the pre-employment process.

## 13. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF APPLICATIONS

Due to the considerable number of enquiries for vacancies, we are unable to acknowledge receipt of written applications unless you specifically request this by enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. If you have not heard from us within 4 weeks of the closing date you should assume that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

## 14. DECLARATION

I declare that the information provided in this application form is to the best of my knowledge, correct. I understand that any false information or concealment may disqualify me from being considered for the role in question, or lead to my dismissal if discovered after my engagement.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Please return your completed Application Form, Recruitment Monitoring Form and covering letter via email or post to:

Ms Claire Balmond  
HR Assistant  
Prestfelde School  
London Road  
Shrewsbury  
Shropshire  
SY2 6NZ

Tel: 01743 245 400

Email: [cbalmond@prestfelde.co.uk](mailto:cbalmond@prestfelde.co.uk)

## Recruitment monitoring form

This sheet will be detached from your application form and will not be seen by anyone involved in the selection process. We will use this information for monitoring our recruitment processes and, if you are appointed, for our personnel/payroll records.

<b>1. POSITION APPLIED FOR:</b>	
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<b>2. PERSONAL DETAILS</b>							
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<b>Title:</b> <i>(please tick)</i>		<b>Mr</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mrs</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Miss</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ms</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dr</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Please specify:
<b>Forename:</b>					<b>Middle Name(s):</b>		
<b>Surname:</b>					<b>Previous Surname(s):</b>		
<b>Date of Birth:</b>					<b>Gender:</b> <i>(please tick)</i>	<b>Male</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Female</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Marital Status:</b>	<b>Married</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Widowed</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Divorced</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Separated</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Cohabiting</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Single</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Ethnic origin.** I would describe my ethnic origin as.....

<b>White:</b>							
<b>Black or Black British:</b>							
<b>Asian or British Asian:</b>							
<b>Mixed:</b>							
<b>Chinese or other ethnic group:</b>							

<b>Religion</b>		<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	
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**Disability:** Do you consider yourself to have a disability? If you are selected for interview are there any special arrangements we would need to make for you?

(If YES, and you are successful in obtaining an interview, we will contact you after the shortlist has been drawn up to discuss arrangements).

<b>Advert: Where did you see this vacancy advertised?</b>
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## **INVITATION TO INTERVIEW**

Dear [name]

Thank you for your application for the post of [position applied for].

I confirm that we would like you to attend an interview for this post on [date] at [place] at [time].

The interview will be conducted by [names of interviewers].

Please bring with you verification of your name and address which may be from any of the following documents. Only originals will be accepted.

- A current driving licence including a photograph and paper counterpart or a passport or a full birth certificate;
- A utility bill or financial statement showing your current name and address;
- Where appropriate any documentation evidencing a change of name;
- If you are not a citizen of a country within the European Economic Area or Switzerland, proof of entitlement to work and reside in the UK.

The School normally takes up references prior to interview. If you do not want us to contact your current employer at the present time, please inform us as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you by [date] we will proceed with the reference request.

If you are disabled and need any adjustments for the interview [or any assessment process] please contact {insert name, ideally someone who is not involved in the recruitment decision}.

If you have any queries regarding the interview, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

**CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE REQUEST FOR [INSERT CANDIDATE'S NAME]**

Position applied for
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Background	
Please confirm how long you have known the candidate and in what capacity.	
Personal	
Candidate's current position.	
Please confirm the dates of the candidate's employment with you (month and year).	Employment commenced:  Employment ended:
Please confirm the reason for the termination of the candidate's employment. If the candidate was dismissed please confirm the reason for the dismissal and the surrounding circumstances.	
Please detail the key areas including duties and responsibilities undertaken by the candidate.	
During his or her employment did the candidate perform his or her duties to your satisfaction?  If you were dissatisfied, please explain the reasons for your dissatisfaction.	

During his or her employment did the candidate communicate well with colleagues and parents in a professional manner?	
Current Salary (or salary at the end of employment).	

Suitability for the Post	
Do you believe that the candidate is suitable to undertake this position?  If you do not consider the candidate to be suitable, please elaborate.	

Suitability to work with Children	
Are you completely satisfied that the candidate is suitable to work with children?	
If you are not satisfied, what are your concerns and the reasons why you think the candidate might not be suitable?	
Please confirm if the candidate has been subject to any disciplinary procedures where the disciplinary sanction remains current.  If yes please give details.	
Have there been any concerns about the candidate's behaviour towards children or young people?	

<p>If so please give details, including the outcome of those concerns and how the matter was resolved.</p> <p>If the candidate's role involved no contact or responsibility for children or young persons please answer <i>Not Applicable</i>.</p>	
<p>Please confirm if you would re-employ the candidate.</p> <p>If no, please explain why not.</p>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Prestfelde School by [insert date], [in the enclosed SAE]

**Note - questions about sickness and absence rates should be removed from the reference requests made prior to job offer. These enquiries can be made following the job offer.**

**INTERVIEW CHECKLIST**

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Position applied for: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Personal Information**

Please note only originals can be accepted.

	Document provided	Seen by (initial)
Current driving licence with a photograph or a passport or a full birth certificate		
Utility or bank or building society statement stating the candidate's name and address		
Any document relevant to a change of name		
Proof of entitlement to work in the UK		

**2. Person Specification**

Adapt to the position applied for

	Standard required	Comments
Qualification relevant to position applied for		
Work experience relevant to the position applied for		
Communication skills		

Evidence of planning and preparation for lessons		
Management skills		
Subject knowledge including level of experience		
Appearance at interview (appropriate for interview and position applied for, smart, cleanliness)		
Attitude towards children and young people		
Gaps in the candidate's history		
Discrepancies with the information provided		

Ability to support agenda for safeguarding and providing welfare of children		
Requirement of DBS disclosure and anything to declare		
Any additional relevant qualification or information		

**CONFIDENTIAL OFFER OF POST**

Dear {}

Thank you for attending the interview for the post of [position applied for].

I am delighted to confirm that subject to the appropriate checks, the School wishes to offer you employment as a [position] with effect from [date]. The salary for this post is [£amount]. All other terms are in accordance with the enclosed contract of employment.

This offer is conditional upon the following:

1. Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received);
2. Verification of identity and qualifications including, where appropriate evidence of the right to work in the UK;
3. A satisfactory enhanced DBS check and if appropriate, a check of the Barred List maintained by the DBS;
4. For a candidate to be employed as a teacher, a check that that the candidate is not subject to a prohibition order issued by the Secretary of State;
5. For a candidate who has lived or worked outside the UK a check using the NCTL Teacher Services' System that the candidate is not subject to any teacher sanction or restriction;
6. Satisfactory medical fitness;
7. Receipt of a signed Staff Suitability Declaration form showing that you are not disqualified from providing childcare under the under the Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 (June 2016);
8. If relevant, evidence that you have not been prohibited from participating in the management of independent schools; and
9. Confirmation that you have read Part 1 of the latest KCSIE.

The position is subject to satisfactory completion of the probationary period.

I enclose two copies of your contract of employment, together with a medical questionnaire and the paperwork for your DBS check. I would be grateful if you would complete and sign a copy of your contract and return to me as soon as possible.

I should like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the School. I look forward to a long and successful relationship.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Note - only to be used after a conditional offer has been made**

**PRE-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE - STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STAFF WHO HAVE RECEIVED A  
CONDITIONAL OFFER FOR THE POST OF [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] [1]

<p>STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL</p> <p>Please provide information relating to your state of health by fully completing the sections below. Please do not leave any blank spaces on the form, even if it means answering 'not applicable'.</p> <p>The information provided will be treated in strict confidence between the School and its medical advisers which may include the School doctor and/or occupational health adviser. The confidential pre-employment questionnaire is attached. All completed questionnaires are placed in a sealed envelope and stored securely in the individual's personal file.</p> <p>A disability or health problem does not preclude consideration for employment. Prestfelde School is an equal opportunities employer and will only take this information into account when considering adjustments necessary to enable you to achieve normal job performance.</p> <p>As a result of the information provided you might be asked to see a doctor for a medical examination subject to the Access to Medical Reports Act 1988. The School will reimburse any cost charged by the doctor.</p>
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PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS			
Title:	Forename:	Surname:	
Current address:		Postcode:	
		Sex:	

Contact details:	
Home telephone: _____	Email: _____
Mobile telephone: _____	
Work telephone: _____	

Position applied for:	
Name of GP:	Address of GP:
Telephone No.	

<p><b>Medical History</b></p> <p>Please complete the following questions by ticking the appropriate box. If the answer is 'yes', give details including (a) date, (b) amount of time lost from work, (c) treatment, as appropriate.</p> <p>Have you ever suffered from any of the following illnesses?</p>			
	Yes	No	If yes, please give details
Visual defects/eye conditions (including colour-blindness)			
Hearing defects/ear conditions			
Severe anxiety, depression, other psychiatric disorder			
Paralysis or other neurological disorder			
Fainting attacks, blackouts, epilepsy or fits			
Recurrent headaches, migraine			
Vertigo, giddiness or tinnitus			
Heart disease, high blood pressure			
Asthma, bronchitis, tuberculosis or other chest disease			
Peptic ulcer or other digestive or bowel disorder			
Liver disorder			
Kidney or bladder problems			
Gynaecological problems			
Recurrent backache, arthritis, rheumatism			

Any blood disorder			
Eczema, dermatitis, other skin conditions			
Diabetes, thyroid or other gland problems			
Hay fever, allergies to drugs, animals etc			
Any recurrent infections			
Any impairment of immunity to infection			
	Yes	No	If yes, please give details
Varicose veins causing trouble			
Hernia			
Any alcohol or drug related problems or illness			
Any other medical condition, physical or mental, not mentioned above			

Have you:	Yes	No	If yes, please give details
Ever undergone a surgical operation or been admitted to hospital for any reason?			
Had more than 20 days' sickness absence in the past 2 years?			
Ever been, or are a Registered Disabled Person?			
Received a Disability Pension?			
Suffered from an Industrial Disease/Accident?			
Had a chest X-ray in the past 12 months - if so state place/date/result			

Present Health Status			
	Yes	No	If yes, please give details

Are you currently attending a doctor?			
Are you at present on any medication or treatment prescribed by a doctor?			
Are you a smoker? If so please give details			
Do you have any eyesight defects other than those corrected by glasses?			
Do you have any hearing problems?			
Do you have any defect of speech or communication problem?			
Do you have any physical disability necessitating special aids, or requirements for access to premises?			
Do you have any other relevant health problems?			

<p>Workplace Adjustments</p> <p>The School is committed to supporting individuals with disabilities that may affect them at work in accordance with our duties under Equality Act 2010 (EA).</p>	
<p>Do you feel that you have any condition that may constitute a disability under the EA and which may affect your ability to do this job e.g. mobility, physical strength or stamina, sight, hearing, speech, mental illness / impairment etc?</p> <p>If yes, please provide details of any adjustment which may enable you to carry out the role.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/>Yes      <input type="checkbox"/>No</p>

<p><b>Declaration</b></p> <p>To the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is correct. I believe that I am sufficiently fit and well to undertake employment at the School. I understand that I may be required to attend a medical examination. I understand that if I am appointed, a failure to disclose relevant information or giving false or misleading information may result in termination of my employment.</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Name: _____(Please print)</p>
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[1] Source: Fitness to Teach Guidance for Employers and Initial Teacher Training 2007 ([www.teachernet.gov.uk](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk))



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## STAFF SUITABILITY SELF-DECLARATION FORM

Please note that legislation and inspection criteria change regularly to reflect new procedures, this form is, therefore, subject to update.

### Staff Suitability Declaration

*This form is to be completed by all staff as part of the pre-employment checks. All staff are required to complete this form annually.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond to the questions listed below and sign the declaration to confirm that you are safe to work with children. If you are unable to meet any of the following aspects, please disclose this immediately to the Head. Please tick yes or no against each point.

Have you been cautioned, subject to a court order, bound over, received a reprimand or warning or been found guilty of committing any offence <b>since the date of your most recent enhanced DBS disclosure?</b>	Yes	No
Have you been cautioned, subject to a court order, bound over, received a reprimand or warning or been found guilty of committing any offence <b>either before or during your employment at this school?</b>	Yes	No

Are you 'Disqualified from Caring for Children'?	Yes	No
Have you committed any offences against a child?	Yes	No
Have you committed any offences against an adult (eg. Rape, murder, indecent assault, actual bodily harm, etc.)?	Yes	No

Have you been barred from working with children (DBS)?	Yes	No
Are you living with someone who has been barred from working with children (DBS)?	Yes	No
Are you living in the same household as someone who has been disqualified from working with children under the Childcare Act 2006?	Yes	No
Have your own children been taken into care?	Yes	No
Have/Are your own children the subject of a child protection order?	Yes	No
If you have answered 'yes' to any of the above, please provide further information below:		
<p>I understand my responsibility to safeguard children, and I am aware that I must notify the Head immediately of anything that may affect my suitability to work with children. I will ensure that I notify my employer immediately of any convictions, cautions, court orders, reprimands or warnings I may receive.</p> <p>I confirm that I am not living with a person who has been disqualified from working with children.</p> <p>I will ensure that I notify my employer immediately if I live with a person who has been disqualified from working with children.</p>		
Signed .....		Date
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## **Policy on the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders**

The School will not unfairly discriminate against any candidate for employment on the basis of conviction or other details revealed. The School makes appointment decisions on the basis of merit and ability. If an individual has a criminal record this will not automatically bar him/her from employment within the School. Instead, each case will be decided on its merits in accordance with the objective assessment criteria set out below.

All candidates should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if they have been appointed, and a possible referral to the police and/or DBS.

Under the relevant legislation, it is unlawful for the School to employ anyone who is included on the lists maintained by the DBS of individuals who are considered unsuitable to work with children. In addition, it will also be unlawful for the School to employ anyone who is the subject of a disqualifying order made on being convicted or charged with the following offences against children: murder, manslaughter, rape, other serious sexual offences, grievous bodily harm or other serious acts of violence. It is also unlawful for the School to knowingly employ someone who works in the relevant settings and is disqualified from providing childcare under the Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 (June 2016), whether by association, or otherwise.

It is a criminal offence for any person who is disqualified from working with children to attempt to apply for a position within the School. The School will report the matter to the Police and/or the DBS if:

- the School receives an application from a disqualified person;
- is provided with false information in, or in support of an applicant's application; or
- the School has serious concerns about an applicant's suitability to work with children.

In the event that relevant information (whether in relation to previous convictions or otherwise) is volunteered by an applicant during the recruitment process or obtained through a disclosure check, the School will consider the following factors before reaching a recruitment decision:

- whether the conviction or other matter revealed is relevant to the position in question;
- the seriousness of any offence or other matter revealed;
- the length of time since the offence or other matter occurred;
- whether the applicant has a pattern of offending behaviour or other relevant matters;
- whether the applicant's circumstances have changed since the offending behaviour or other relevant matters;
- in the case of disqualification from providing childcare, whether the applicant has or is able to obtain an Ofsted waiver from disqualification; and
- the circumstances surrounding the offence and the explanation(s) offered by the convicted person.

If the post involves regular contact with children, it is the School's normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted at any time of any the following offences: murder, manslaughter, rape, other serious sexual offences, grievous bodily harm or

other serious acts of violence, serious class A drug related offences, robbery, burglary, theft, deception or fraud.

If the post involves access to money or budget responsibility, it is the School's normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted at any time of robbery, burglary, theft, deception or fraud.

If the post involves some driving responsibilities, it is the School's normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted of drink driving.



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## RISK ASSESSMENT

This Risk Assessment must be completed for any applicant working within the school that is either waiting for DBS Clearance to be obtained or where any of the checks under Part 4 of the ISI Regulatory Requirements have not been completed prior to the applicant's start date.

In accordance with Section 218 and Section 221 of the Regulations, an applicant will not be allowed to start work at the school unless the DBS Application Form has been sent off and all other documentation requirements (including Barred List / List 99 check) completed.

The Risk Assessment must be signed by the Head or, failing that, the Deputy Heads of School / Managers (and countersigned by the Head) responsible for the applicant.

APPLICANT'S DETAILS	
<b>NAME</b>	
<b>JOB TITLE</b>	
<b>MANAGER</b>	
<b>START DATE</b>	

SINGLE CENTRAL REGISTER CHECKLIST	
REGULATORY REQUIREMENT	REQUIREMENT SATISFIED – YES / NO / N/A
Academic Qualifications	
Identity	
CV / Application Form	
Disqualification by Association	
DBS	
Barred List / List 99	
Medical Fitness	
Overseas	
Prohibition Order	
References	
Right to Work in the UK	
Prohibition from Management - S.128	
Previous Employment History	
EEA Check	

<b>REASONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE</b>

<b>QUALIFIED / POTENTIAL RISKS</b>	<b>STEPS / MEASURES TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST SUCH RISKS</b>



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## AUTHORISATION

Having completed the Risk Assessment above, even though all the required criteria cannot be met at this time, I am satisfied that it is appropriate for this individual to take up their duties within the school as per the terms of this Risk Assessment.

RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW		
DATE OF REVIEW	SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	SIGNATURE OF REVIEWEE

Manager's Signature: .....

Position: .....

Date: .....

Head's signature: .....

Date: .....

**POLICY REVIEW**

APPROVED DATE	June 2021 – Council Meeting 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021		
REVIEW DATE	Summer 2023		
SIGNED HEAD DATE	Signed copy retained by Bursar	PRINT NAME	
SIGNED CHAIR OF GOVERNORS DATE	Signed copy retained by Bursar	PRINT NAME	
SIGNED SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR DATE	Signed copy retained by Bursar	PRINT NAME	