



WESTMINSTER SCHOOL

APPLICATION AND RECRUITMENT PROCESS EXPLANTORY NOTE

Application Form

- **Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the Application Form in full. CVs, which may accompany the application, will not be accepted in substitution for a completed Application Form. A covering letter is also required.**
- Candidates should be 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. Please see 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 in line with current guidance (Appendix 1).
- Where appropriate the successful applicant will be required to complete an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).
- We will seek references on short-listed candidates and may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications, before interview.
- If you are currently working with children, on either a paid or voluntary basis, your current 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 it may where appropriate answer not applicable if your duties have not brought you into contact with children or young persons.

Invitation to Interview

- If you are invited to interview this will be conducted in person and the areas which it will explore will include suitability to work with children as well as suitability to meet the Job Specification.
- 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 from the awarding body.
- All candidates invited to interview must also bring with them:
 - a current driving licence including a photograph or a passport or a full birth certificate.
 - a utility bill or financial statement showing the candidates current name and address.
 - where appropriate any documentation evidencing a change of name

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

Conditional Offer of Appointment: Pre-Appointment Checks

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon:

- receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received).
- verification of identity and qualifications.
- proof of eligibility to work in the UK.
- a check of DBS Children's Barred List.
- a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- a check that a candidate to be employed as a teacher is not subject to a prohibition order issued by the Secretary of State, using the Employer Access Online service.
- where necessary a check that the candidate has not been prohibited from managing an independent school.
- satisfactory health check.

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.

WARNING

Where a candidate is:

- found to be on the DBS Children's Barred List, or the DBS disclosure shows s/he has been disqualified from working with children by a Court; or
- found to have provided false information in, or in support of, his application; or
- the subject of serious expressions of concern as to his/her suitability to work with children

the facts will be reported to the Police and/or the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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If you have been convicted of a criminal offence (including any convictions in a Court of Law outside Great Britain) you must declare the conviction in line with the following guidelines.

You must provide details of the following:

- **Cautions** relating to an offence from a list (see below) agreed by Parliament.
- **Cautions** given less than 6 years ago (where you were over 18 years old at the time of the caution).
- **Cautions** given less than 2 years ago (where you were under 18 years old at the time of the caution).
- **Convictions** relating to an offence from a prescribed list (see below) Convictions that resulted in a custodial sentence (regardless of whether served).
- **Convictions** given less than 11 years ago (where you were over 18 years old at the time of the conviction).
- **Convictions** given less than 5.5 years ago (where you were under 18 years old at the time of the conviction).

Irrespective of the above list, **if you have more than one conviction then ALL convictions must be declared.**

A list of offences which **must always** be declared has been derived from the legislation and can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-filtering-guidance>