

St Lawrence CE Primary School



Safer Recruitment Policy

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to set out the minimum requirements of a recruitment process that aims to:

- attract the best possible applicants to vacancies;
- deter prospective applicants who are unsuitable for work with children or young people;
- identify and reject applicants who are unsuitable for work with children and young people.

2. Statutory Requirements

There are some statutory requirements for the appointment of some staff in schools – notably head teachers and deputy head teachers. These requirements change from time-to-time and must be met.

3. Identification of Recruiters

Subject to the availability of training, the school will have at least one recruiter who has successfully received accredited training in safe recruitment procedures. This will be the head teacher. The Chair of Governors will also be trained wherever possible.

4. Inviting Applications

4.1 Advertisements

Advertisements for posts, whether in newspapers, journals or on-line – will include the Telford and Wrekin statement confirming that we are committed to safeguarding children and young people. All successful post holders will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure.

4.2 Documents

Prospective applicants will be supplied, as a minimum, with the following:

- job description and person specification;
- the school's child protection policy;
- the school's recruitment policy (this document);
- the selection procedure for the post;
- an application form.

4.3 Application Forms

All prospective applicants must complete, in full, an application form.

5. Short-Listed and References

- Short-listing of candidates will be against the person specification for the post
- Where possible, references will be taken up before the selection stage, so that any discrepancies can be probed during the selection stage.
- References will be sought directly from the referee. References or testimonials provided by the candidate will never be accepted.
- Where necessary, referees will be contacted by telephone or e mail in order to clarify any anomalies or discrepancies. A detailed written note will be kept of such exchanges.
- Where necessary, previous employers who have not been named as Referees will be contacted in order to clarify any anomalies or discrepancies. A detailed written note will be kept of such exchanges.

- Referees will always be asked specific questions about:
 - the candidate's suitability for working with children and young people;
 - any disciplinary warnings, including time-expired warnings, that relate to the safeguarding of children;
 - the candidate's suitability for this post.
- School employees are entitled to see and receive, if requested, copies of their employment references.

6. The Selection Process

- Selection techniques will be determined by the nature and duties of the vacant post, but all vacancies will require an interview of short-listed candidates.
- Interviews will always be face-to-face. Telephone interviews may be used at the short-listing stage but will not be a substitute for a face-to-face interview.
- Candidates will always be required:
 - to explain satisfactorily any gaps in employment;
 - to explain satisfactorily any anomalies or discrepancies in the information available to recruiters;
 - to declare any information that is likely to appear on a DBS disclosure;
 - to demonstrate their capacity to safeguard and protect the welfare of children and young people.

7. Employment Checks

- All successful applicants are required:
 - to provide proof of identity
 - to complete a DBS disclosure application and receive satisfactory clearance
 - to provide actual certificates of qualifications
 - to complete a confidential health questionnaire
 - to provide proof of eligibility to live and work in the UK

8. Induction

- All staff who are new to the school will receive induction training that will include the school's safeguarding policies and guidance on safe working practices.
- Regular meetings will be held during the first 3 months of employment between the new employee(s) and the appropriate manager(s).

Approval Information - Governors

Position	Chair of Governors/Parent Governor
Name	Mr Paul Evans
Signature	
Date	

Position	LA Governor
Name	Mrs Helen Ashby
Signature	
Date	

Position	Foundation Governor
Name	Rev H Morby
Signature	
Date	

Position	Foundation Governor
Name	Mrs P Jones
Signature	
Date	

Position	Co-opted Governor
Name	Mrs Alison Moore
Signature	
Date	

Position	Co-opted Governor
Name	Mrs Rachel Voiculescu
Signature	

Position	Staff Governor
Name	Mr Laith Al-Asmar
Signature	

Approval Information - School

Position	Executive Head Teacher
Name	Miss Helen Osterfield
Signature	
Date	

Position	Head of School / Class 1 Teacher
Name	Mrs Alison Moore
Signature	
Date	

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Position	Class 2 Teacher
Name	Mr Laith Al-Asmar
Signature	
Date	

Position	Class 3 Teacher
Name	Mrs Claire Standish
Signature	
Date	

Position	Class 1 & 3 Teacher
Name	Mrs Emily Barker
Signature	
Date	

Position	School Business Manager
Name	Mrs Amanda Care
Signature	
Date	

Position	School Administrator
Name	Mrs Michelle Stevens
Signature	
Date	

Position	HLTA
Name	Mrs Kerry Tudor
Signature	
Date	

Position	Cover Supervisor/Lunchtime Supervisor
Name	Mrs Tracey Jenkins
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Position	Cover Supervisor/Lunchtime Supervisor
Name	Mrs Caroline Sankey
Signature	

Position	Cover Supervisor/Lunchtime Supervisor
Name	Mrs Heather Kynaston
Signature	
Date	

Position	Teaching Assistant
Name	Mrs Anita Pollard
Signature	
Date	

Position	Apprentice
Name	Miss Olivia Meakin
Signature	
Date	