



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 headteachers and deputy headteachers. These requirements change from time-to-time and must be met.

3 IDENTIFICATION OF RECRUITERS

Subject to the availability of training, the school will move towards a position of having as many of the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body having received accredited training in safe recruitment procedures.

4 INVITING APPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Advertisements for posts – whether in newspapers, journals or on-line – will include the statement:

“Aldridge School – An Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. The post is subject to enhanced DBS and safeguarding checks.”

- 4.2 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);
- an application form.

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

5 SHORT-LISTING AND REFERENCES

- 5.1 Short-listing of candidates will be against the person specification for the post
- 5.2 Where possible, references will be taken up before the selection stage, so that any discrepancies can be probed during the selection stage.
- 5.3 References will be sought directly from the referee. Faxed, emailed or photocopied references will be checked for authenticity. References or testimonials provided by the candidate will never be accepted.

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- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 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.
- 5.7 School employees are entitled to see and receive, if requested, copies of their employment references.

6 THE SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 Interviews will always be face-to-face.
- 6.3 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.
 - to sign their application form prior to the interview if it has been emailed/faxed.

7 EMPLOYMENT CHECKS

- 7.1 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

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 Follow up meetings between the new employee(s) and the appropriate manager(s) will be held as and when required.

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