

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# **SAFER RECRUITMENT POLICY**

**Changes since last version:** Updated to reflect September 2021 Keeping Children Safe in Education and most up to date best practice.

There are no changes to the legal duties however KCSIE Part 3 has been substantially restructured to align with the recruitment process and this has been mirrored in this policy update

*The Professional Associations/Trade Unions have been consulted on this policy, and HfL recommends it for adoption.*

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**This policy will be issued to all those involved in any recruitment process.**

*"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn,  
love and grow together"*

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## **1 Introduction**

The safe recruitment of staff is the first step to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in education. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the pupils in its care and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

## **2 Scope and Objectives**

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

- attract the best possible applicants to vacancies on the basis of their merit, abilities and suitability
- 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.

The objectives of this policy are as follows:

- to ensure that all applicants are considered equally and consistently
- to ensure that no applicant is treated unfairly on any grounds and specifically any protected characteristics as outlined in the Equality Act 2010
- to ensure compliance with all relevant legislation, recommendations and guidance including the statutory guidance published by the Department for Education (DfE), [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) (KCSIE), the Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales (the Prevent Duty Guidance) and any guidance or code of practice published by the Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS)
- to ensure that the school meets its commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people by carrying out all necessary pre-employment checks.

## **3 Roles and Responsibilities**

### **3.1 Governing Body**

- to ensure the school has effective policies and procedures in place for the recruitment of staff and volunteers in accordance with the DfE guidance and legal requirements
- to monitor compliance with the above policies.

### **3.2 Headteacher/SLT/Recruiting Managers**

- to ensure the school operates safe recruitment practices and makes sure appropriate checks are carried out on all staff and volunteers
- to monitor contractors and agencies compliance with this document
- to promote the safeguarding of children and young people at every stage of the recruitment process.

## **4 Recruitment and Selection Process**

### **4.1 Recruitment Panels**

In accordance with KCSIE, the school ensures that at least one member of any interview panel has undertaken Safer Recruitment training and has kept this training up to date.

### **4.2 Adverts and Recruitment Packs**

Advertisements for posts, whether in newspapers, journals or online, will include the statement:

“The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.”

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 safer recruitment policy (this document)
- the selection procedure for the post
- an application form (CES model)
- the CES Model Recruitment Monitoring Information form
- the CES Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 – Disclosure Form (attached at Appendix 2)

### **4.3 Application Forms**

All prospective applicants must fully complete an application form (CES model). CVs will not be accepted in isolation.

The School promotes the practice of using anonymised application forms to manage unconscious bias. ( HfL)

If shortlisted, candidates will be asked to complete a declaration regarding convictions and working with children as posts in schools are exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. The relevant declaration form is attached at Appendix 2.

### **4.4 Shortlisting**

If shortlisted, candidates will be asked to complete a criminal record self-declaration form where they will be required to declare all unspent cautions and convictions; and also any adult cautions (simple or conditional), and spent convictions that are not protected as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2020).

The relevant criminal record self-declaration form is attached at Appendix 2.

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  - the school's child protection policy
  - the school's safer recruitment policy (this document)
  - the selection procedure for the post
  - an application form (CES model)
  - the CES Model Recruitment Monitoring Information form
- 5 the CES Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 – Disclosure Form (attached at Appendix 2)

#### **4.5 Employment History and References**

A minimum of two references will be taken up and at least one of the references will be obtained from the candidate's current or most recent employer and will be sought directly from the referee.

Where possible, references will be taken up before the interview stage, so that any discrepancies or gaps in employment can be explored during the interview.

The School will explore any discrepancy or gaps in employment identified through references during the interview where possible or, at least, before any offer of employment. This includes references for internal candidates.

If a candidate is moving from another school the reference must be from the Headteacher/Principal or another senior colleague (in the absence of a Headteacher) and not from a colleague.

Open references or testimonials provided by the candidate will not be accepted.

Where necessary, referees will be contacted by telephone or email in order to clarify any anomalies or discrepancies and verify the source of the reference. This contact will then be recorded on the school's Single Central Record for successful candidates.

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.

Applicants are not automatically entitled to see their employment references.

#### **4.6 Selection**

Selection techniques will be determined by the nature and duties of the vacant post and may include a variety of methods. The school will conduct interviews in a face-to face manner (which could be via remote methods using video conferencing software, such as Microsoft

Teams or similar, if face to face is not practical). Telephone interviews may be used at the short-listing stage.

During the interview process candidates will be required to:

- give a satisfactory explanation of any gaps in employment
- provide a satisfactory explanation of any anomalies or discrepancies in the information available to recruiters
- declare any information that is likely to appear on a DBS check (via the criminal record self-declaration form)
- provide a childcare disqualification declaration form if and when required
- demonstrate their capacity to safeguard and protect the welfare of children and young people
- demonstrate how they meet the job description and person specification.
- All applicants who are invited to interview will be asked to bring original evidence of their identity, address, right to work in the UK, relevant qualifications and a completed Criminal Convictions Self-Declaration form.

At least one member of the interview panel will have undertaken safer recruitment training or refresher training as applicable.

All applicants who are invited to interview will be asked to bring original evidence of their identity, address and qualification. Photocopies will then be taken and destroyed for unsuccessful applicants no later than 6 months after the recruitment process has been concluded.

## 5 Pre-Employment Checks

Any offer of appointment made to a successful candidate, including anyone who has lived or worked abroad, **must** be conditional on the satisfactory completion of the necessary pre-employment checks and the school will:

- verify a candidate's identity, it is important to be sure that the person is who they claim to be, this includes being aware of the potential for individuals changing their name. Best practice is checking the name on their birth certificate, where this is available. Further identification checking guidelines can be found [here](#).
- obtain (via the applicant) an enhanced Children's Workforce DBS certificate including barred list information for those who will be working in regulated activity and an Enhanced Children's Workforce DBS (without the barred list check) for anyone who is working in the school but is not working in regulated activity (see Appendix 1)
- obtain a separate barred list check if an individual will start work in regulated activity before the DBS certificate is available. The school will also carry out a risk assessment if candidates will be starting work prior to a DBS certificate being available
- Separate barred list checks **must** only be carried out in the following circumstances:

- for newly appointed staff who are engaging in regulated activity, pending the receipt of an Enhanced Certificate with Barred List information from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) (and where all other relevant checks have been carried out); or,
- where an individual has worked in a post in a school or college that brought them into regular contact with children or young persons which ended not more than three months prior to that person's appointment to the organisation (and where all other relevant checks have been carried out).
- ensure all shortlisted candidates have completed a Criminal Record self-declaration form disclosing any relevant convictions (see Appendix 2).
- verify the candidate's mental and physical fitness to carry out their work responsibilities. A job applicant can be asked relevant questions about disability and health in order to establish that they have the physical and mental capacity for the specific role - see paragraph 5.3.
- verify the candidate's right to work in the UK. Advice on this can be found on the [Gov.uk website](#).
  - Since 1 July 2021 candidates from an EEA Country are required to provide evidence of having obtained settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme.
  - Since January 2021, any overseas external candidates must apply for a VISA via the [New Points Based Immigration Scheme](#).
- if the candidate has lived or worked outside the UK, make any further checks the school feel appropriate which would include an overseas police check - see paragraph 5.4.
- verify professional qualifications as appropriate by viewing original certificates. The Teacher Services system should be used to verify any award of qualified teacher status (QTS) and the completion of teacher induction or probation.
- ensure the candidate is checked against the prohibition from teaching orders – see paragraph 5.1.
- ensure the candidate is checked against the prohibition from management roles (section 128) check where applicable (part of barred list check for those in regulated activity) - see paragraph 5.1.
- ensure the candidate completes a childcare disqualification declaration (where appropriate) – see paragraph 5.5.

### **3.1 Secretary of State Prohibition Orders and Section 128 direction (teaching and management roles)**

In all cases, where an applicant is to undertake a teaching role of any kind (this may include non-teaching staff if they plan, prepare and deliver lessons and assess and report on pupils without supervision of a qualified teacher) a **Prohibition Order** check will be made. It is anticipated that this will be performed at the shortlisting stage, but it will, in any case, be carried out before any unconditional offer of employment is made.

The above activities do not amount to “teaching work” if they are supervised by a qualified teacher. If in any doubt or if the candidate has taught previously, or may teach in the future, the check will be undertaken.

Prohibition orders prevent a person from carrying out teaching work in schools, sixth form colleges, 16 to 19 academies, relevant youth accommodation and children's homes in England. A person who is prohibited from teaching must not be appointed to work as a teacher in such a setting.

Prohibition orders are made by the Secretary of State following consideration by a professional conduct panel convened by the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA). Pending such consideration, the Secretary of State may issue an interim prohibition order if it is considered to be in the public interest to do so.

**A Section 128 direction** prohibits or restricts a person from taking part in the management of an independent school, including academies and free schools. An individual who is subject to a section 128 direction is unable to:

- take up a management position in an independent school, academy, or in a free school as an employee;
- be a trustee of an academy or free school trust; a governor or member of a proprietor body of an independent school; or,
- be a governor on any governing body in an independent school, academy or free school that retains or has been delegated any management responsibilities.

A person prohibited under section 128 is also disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor of a school as stated in [Keeping children safe in education](#) and the DfE [Governance Handbook](#).

Schools can use the TRA’s Employer Access service to make prohibition, direction, restriction, and children’s barred list checks. The service is free to use and is available via the TRA’s web page ([Teaching Regulation Agency \(education.gov.uk\)](#)). Schools will require a DfE Sign-in account to log onto the service.

Further information about obtaining a DfE Sign-in account and using the Employer Access service to carry out a range of ‘teacher status checks’ including verification of qualified teacher status (QTS) and the completion of teacher induction or teacher probation can be found [here](#).

Where the candidate will be engaging in regulated activity, a DBS barred list check will also identify any section 128 directions.

Since 1 January 2021, TRA checks will be for UK Citizens only and schools will therefore need to arrange for these checks to be carried out in the relevant country for overseas applicants (including those from the EEA).

### **1.2 Proof of identity, Right to Work in the UK & Verification of Qualifications and/or professional status and Criminal Records Self Declaration Form**

All shortlisted candidates invited to attend an interview at the school will be required to bring their identification documentation such as passport, birth certificate, driving licence etc. with them as proof of identity/eligibility to work in the UK, in accordance with the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 and DBS Code of Practice Regulations (including evidence



of settled status as required) and to complete the Criminal Records Self Declaration form (See Appendix 2)

Good quality photocopies of all documents will be taken. These will then be signed and dated by the person who has evidenced the originals and the copy should state this;

*“Originals seen and identity confirmed”*

- **Successful Candidates:** all documents will be stored securely on the employee file for audit and inspection purposes, including any relevant risk assessments.
- **Unsuccessful Candidates:** all documents will be kept securely for no later than 6 months after the recruitment process has been concluded. After which they will be destroyed securely.

Please note that the legislation surrounding what information is disclosed in an Enhanced and Standard DBS certificate changed on 28 November 2020 and as a result, an employer may not receive full details of a candidate’s criminal history due to the changes to filtering.

However, in accordance with safeguarding, an employer is still legally entitled to ask shortlisted candidates to disclose their criminal history, however this no longer includes final warnings, cautions and reprimands. Further guidance on this can be found in the NACRO guidance [here](#).

In addition, applicants must be able to demonstrate that they have actually obtained any academic or vocational qualification required for the position and claimed in their application form.

### **1.3 Fitness to undertake the role**

A confidential pre-employment health questionnaire must be completed to verify the candidate’s mental and physical fitness to carry out their work responsibilities. A successful candidate can be asked relevant questions about disability and health in order to establish whether they have the physical and mental capacity for the specific role **once an offer of employment has been made**. Confidential pre-employment checks will be carried out by the School’s Occupational Health provider.

### **1.4 Individuals who have lived or worked outside the UK**

Candidates who have lived or worked outside the UK must undergo the same checks as all other staff in the school. In addition, the school must make any further checks so that any relevant events that occurred outside the UK can be considered.

The Home Office guidance on criminal records checks for overseas applicants can be found [here](#).

Following the UK’s exit from the EU, schools should apply the same approach for any individuals who have lived or worked outside the UK regardless of whether or not it was in an EEA country or the rest of the world.

These checks could include, where available:

- criminal records checks for overseas applicants - Home Office guidance can be found on GOV.UK; and for teaching positions

obtaining a letter (via the applicant) from the professional regulating authority in the country (or countries) in which the applicant has worked confirming that they have not imposed any

sanctions or restrictions, and or that they are aware of any reason why they may be unsuitable to teach.

Where available, such evidence can be considered together with information obtained through other pre-appointment checks to help assess their suitability.

Where this information is not available schools should seek alternative methods of checking suitability and or undertake a risk assessment that supports informed decision making on whether to proceed with the appointment.

Although sanctions and restrictions imposed by another regulating authority do not prevent a person from taking up teaching positions in England, schools should consider the circumstances that led to the restriction or sanction being imposed when considering a candidate's suitability for employment. Further information can be found in DfE Guidance.

Not all countries provide criminal record information, and where they do, the nature and detail of the information provided varies from country to country. Schools should also be aware that the criteria for disclosing offences in other countries often have a different threshold than those in the UK. The Home Office provides guidance on criminal records checks for overseas applicants which can be found [here](#).

Some overseas qualified teachers can apply to the TRA for the award of qualified teacher status (QTS) in England. More information about this is available at the following link [Qualified teacher status \(QTS\): qualify to teach in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) here. Please note that holding a teaching qualification (wherever it was obtained) does not provide suitable assurances for safeguarding purposes that an individual has not been found guilty of any wrongdoing or misconduct, and or is suitable to work with children.

### **1.5 Childcare Disqualification Declaration**

Where relevant (as detailed below), applicants must complete a Childcare Disqualification form provided by the school in relation to the Childcare Disqualification Regulations 2018. This is to cover circumstances where the individual has a conviction that may result in them being barred from working with children. Where a positive declaration is made a waiver can be applied for from Ofsted and must be satisfactorily granted before the candidate may commence work.

This **only** applies to staff working in the following settings:

- Early Years Provision - staff who provide any care for a child up to and including reception age. This includes education in nursery and reception classes and/or any supervised activity (such as breakfast clubs, lunchtime supervision and after school care provided by the school) both during and outside of school hours for children in the early years age range; and
- Later years provision (for children under 8) - staff who are employed to work in childcare provided by the school outside of school hours for children who are above reception age but who have not attained the age of 8. This does not include education or supervised activity for children above reception age during school hours (including extended school hours for co-curricular learning activities, such as the school's choir or sports teams) but it does include before school settings, such as breakfast clubs, and after school provision.

## **6 Single Central Record**

The school will keep a single central record of pre-employment checks, referred to in the Keeping Children Safe in Education Regulations as “the register”. The single central record will cover the following people:

- all staff (including teacher trainees on salaried routes, agency and third-party supply staff who work at the school)
- confirmation that these checks have been carried out along with the date the check was undertaken/obtained must be logged on this record for all employees of the school.

## **7 Induction**

The school recognises that safer recruitment and selection is not just about the start of employment but must be part of a larger policy framework for all staff. The school will therefore provide ongoing training and support for all staff.

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 including Child Protection, PREVENT, FGM awareness and online safety.

Regular meetings will be held during the first 6 months of employment between the new employee(s) and the appropriate manager(s).

## **8 Contractors and Agency Workers**

The school will obtain written notification from any agency, or third-party organisation they use that the organisation has carried out the checks (in respect of the enhanced DBS certificate, written notification that confirms the certificate has been obtained by either the employment business or another such business), on an individual who will be working at the school.

Where the position requires a barred list check, this will be obtained by the agency or third party prior to appointing the individual. The school will also check that the person presenting themselves for work is the same person on whom the checks have been made.

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## **9 Volunteers**

Under no circumstances will a volunteer in respect of whom no checks have been obtained be left unsupervised or allowed to work in regulated activity.

Volunteers who, on an unsupervised basis, teach or look after children regularly, or provide personal care on a one-off basis in the school, will be in regulated activity. The school will obtain an enhanced DBS certificate (which should include barred list information) for all volunteers who are new to working in regulated activity. Existing volunteers in regulated activity do not have to be re-checked if they have already had a DBS check (which includes barred list information). However, the school may conduct a repeat DBS check (which should include barred list information) on any such volunteer should they have concerns.

There are certain circumstances where the school may obtain an enhanced DBS certificate (not including barred list information), for volunteers who are not engaging in regulated activity. This is set out in DBS workforce guides, which can be found on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk). Employers

are not legally permitted to request barred list information on a supervised volunteer as they are not considered to be engaged in regulated activity.

The school will undertake a risk assessment and use their professional judgement and experience when deciding whether to obtain an enhanced DBS certificate for any volunteer not engaging in regulated activity. In doing so they should consider:

- the nature of the work with children
- what the establishment knows about the volunteer, including formal or informal information offered by staff, parents and other volunteers
- whether the volunteer has other employment or undertakes voluntary activities where referees can advise on suitability
- whether the role is eligible for an enhanced DBS check.

Details of the risk assessment should be recorded.

It is for the school to determine whether a volunteer is supervised. In making this decision, and where an individual is supervised, to help determine the appropriate level of supervision the school must have regard to the statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State. This guidance requires that, for a person to be considered supervised, the supervision must be:

- by a person who is in regulated activity;
- regular and day to day; and
- “reasonable in all the circumstances to ensure the protection of children.”

The DBS cannot provide barred list information on any person, including volunteers, who are not in, or seeking to engage in regulated activity.

## **10 School governors**

Governors in maintained schools are required to have an enhanced criminal records certificate from the DBS. It is the responsibility of the Governing Board to apply for the certificate for any of their governors who do not already have one. Governance is not a regulated activity and so governors do not need a barred list check unless, in addition to their governance duties, they also engage in regulated activity.

## Appendix 1 –regulated activity

Regulated activity includes:

- a) Teaching, training, instructing, caring for (see (c) below) or supervising children if the person is unsupervised, or providing advice or guidance on physical, emotional or educational well-being, or driving a vehicle only for children.
- b) Work for a limited range of establishments (known as ‘specified places’, which include schools and colleges), with the opportunity for contact with children, but not including work done by supervised volunteers.

Work under (a) or (b) is regulated activity only if done regularly. Some activities are always regulated activities, regardless of frequency or whether they are supervised or not. This includes:

- c) relevant personal care, or health care provided by or provided under the supervision of a health care professional:
  - personal care includes helping a child with eating and drinking for reasons of illness or disability or in connection with toileting, washing, bathing and dressing for reasons of age, illness or disability
  - health care means care for children provided by, or under the direction or supervision of, a regulated health care professional.

## Appendix 2 – Criminal Record Self-Declaration Form

This form must be completed by all shortlisted applicants where a Disclosure and Barring Certificate (also known as a DBS), is required. The information disclosed on this form will not be kept with your application form during the application process.

### Policy statement on recruiting applicants with criminal records

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. For further information on criminal record self-declaration for roles that are eligible for standard or enhanced DBS checks please refer to [Nacro guidance](#) and the [MoJ website](#).

We recognise the contribution that ex-offenders can make as employees and volunteers and welcome applications from them. A person's criminal record will not in itself, prevent a person from being appointed to this post. Any information given will be treated in the strictest confidence. Suitable applicants will not be refused posts because of offences which are not relevant to, and do not place them at or make them a risk in, the role for which they are applying.

All cases will be examined on an individual basis and we will take the following into consideration:

- whether the caution or conviction is relevant to the position applied for
- the seriousness of any offence revealed
- the age of the applicant at the time of the offence(s)
- the length of time since the offence(s) occurred
- whether the applicant has a pattern of offending behaviour
- the circumstances surrounding the offence(s), and the explanation(s) offered by the person concerned
- whether the applicant's circumstances have changed since the offending behaviour.

It is important that applicants understand that failure to disclose all unspent cautions and convictions; and also, any adult cautions and spent convictions that are not protected could result in disciplinary proceedings or dismissal. Further advice and guidance on disclosing a criminal record can be obtained from [Nacro](#).

**Please note that, if you are unsuccessful, this disclosure form will be securely destroyed within 6 months of your application.**

## CONFIDENTIAL



### REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS ACT 1974 – DISCLOSURE FORM

This disclosure form is supplementary to the relevant section relating to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, of the relevant CES Application Form.

If you are invited for interview, please bring this form with you to the interview in a separate, sealed envelope marked “Confidential – Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 - Disclosure Form”. You will be asked to hand the form to the interviewer at the end of the interview.

1. In accordance with statutory requirements certain pre-employment checks are conducted for positions that involve work with vulnerable groups, specifically children and vulnerable adults.
2. The information obtained from these checks is used to help safeguard these groups. It will not be used to discriminate unfairly against those with convictions which we consider unrelated to working with vulnerable groups. We ask for this information in order to facilitate an honest and open dialogue with prospective employees and we encourage all prospective employees to provide contextual information regarding any convictions disclosed.
3. Having a criminal record will not automatically bar you from employment or voluntary work with us.

As the position you are applying for gives you privileged access to vulnerable groups, you are required to disclose all spent convictions and cautions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 unless it is a “protected” conviction/caution under the amendments made to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemptions) Order 1975 (in 2013) and, therefore, not subject to disclosure.

**This means that you must disclose all spent and unspent convictions on this form other than those which are so “protected”. This may include any driving offences. Guidance on the filtering of “protected” convictions and cautions can be accessed on the Disclosure and Barring Service website.**

Failure to disclose any disclosable criminal convictions could lead either to your application being rejected or, if you are appointed, to summary dismissal if it is subsequently discovered that you have had any criminal convictions and a referral to the Police may be made.

**It is an offence to knowingly apply for, offer to do, accept, or do any work in a regulated position if you have been disqualified from working with children.**

**Any offer of employment will be subject to checks being carried out in order to ensure that you are not subject to a prohibition order or an interim prohibition order.**

Failure to complete this form may render your application invalid.

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Post Applied for:

Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you have any 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):

No:  Yes:

If you have answered yes to the question above, please set out the following details below:

- Date of each conviction / pending hearing / reprimand / warning;
- The offence;
- The sentence; and
- The Police Force / Court involved.

**Declaration:** I hereby certify that the information given above is true and accurate:

SIGNATURE :

DATE :



## Request for Your Consent to Process Your Data

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we wish to ensure you are aware of the purpose for which we are requesting your consent to collect and process the data we have asked you to provide on this form.

### Important information regarding your consent

1. We are *[insert name and address of school and state whether VA, Academy, Independent etc. If you are part of a multi academy trust, state the registered name of the academy trust company and state that the academy trust company is the data controller and explain that the school is part of the multi academy trust]*.
2. To the extent that you have disclosed any criminal records information on this form, your information may be shared with OFSTED/Estyn and the Local Authority Designated Officer for child protection matters (the LADO). As a Catholic education provider, we work closely with *[insert name of Diocese / other relevant third party]* with whom we may be required to share the information you have provided on this form.
3. The person responsible for data protection within our organisation is *[insert name of data protection officer]* and you can contact them with any questions relating to our handling of your data. You can contact them by *[insert method of contact and contact details]*.
4. We require the information requested on this form in order to process your application for employment and to ascertain whether you are a suitable candidate to work with children/in a child centred environment.
5. We require you to complete this form regarding criminal records disclosure as the information is needed in order to assist us in complying with our legal obligation to safeguard and protect children from harm.
6. If your application is successful and you have disclosed criminal records information on this form, we shall retain the form as part of your permanent employment record and afterwards in accordance with the School's data retention policy. In addition, we shall document and retain records of relevant guidance/advice received by OFSTED/Estyn and/or the LADO and any other appropriate third party.<sup>1</sup>
7. If you are unsuccessful and you have disclosed criminal records information which could disqualify you from working with children/in a child centred environment, we shall share the information you have provided on this form with OFSTED/Estyn and/or the LADO and any other appropriate third party.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>See paragraph 2.

<sup>2</sup>ibid

8. If you are unsuccessful and you have not disclosed criminal records information on this form, this form shall be destroyed after a maximum period of 6 months.
9. We will keep a record of your consent as evidence that we have obtained your consent to collect and process the data you have provided on this form.
10. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time and can do so by informing our organisation's Data Protection Officer (see paragraph 3 above) that you wish to withdraw your consent.
11. If you fail to complete this form we may not be able to comply with our legal duty to safeguard children. This means that we may not therefore continue to process your employment application or offer you a position within our organisation.
12. To read about your individual rights you can refer to our fair processing notice and data protection policies.
13. To complain about how we have collected and processed the information you have provided on this form, you can make a complaint to our organisation by ***[insert details of the school / academy trust company / multi academy trust company complaints procedure]***. If you are unhappy with how your complaint has been handled you can contact the Information Commissioners Office via their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

#### **Request for your consent**

Please ensure that you read paragraphs 1-13 above and raise any relevant questions before providing your consent below:

- I confirm that I have read and understood paragraphs 1-13 above and that I have been offered the opportunity to raise any relevant questions: Yes  No
- Please check this box if you have any objection to our collecting and processing your personal information as described in paragraphs 1-13 above
- I agree to my personal data being shared as stated in paragraphs 2, 6 and 7 above:  
Yes  No