



OCKBROOK SCHOOL

Recruitment Process

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

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 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.

The successful applicant will be required to complete an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

We will seek references on shortlisted candidates and may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications, before interview.

We may also access social media (such as facebook and twitter) in order to review the suitability of any online 'public' presence you may have in this medium.

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.

You should be aware that the 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 DBS.

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.

All candidates invited to interview must bring documents confirming any educational and professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post (eg 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 the following documentary evidence of their identity:

- A current driving licence including a photograph and/or a passport and/or a full birth certificate.
- Where appropriate any documentation evidencing a change of name.

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

The Equality Act 2010 prevents us for asking for absence data before interview. Should we make a conditional offer of employment it will be necessary to contact you to establish whether there are any absence related issues and to verify medical fitness in accordance with current regulatory requirements.

Any offer to a successful candidate will also be conditional upon:

- Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received).
- Verification of identity and qualifications.
- A satisfactory check of the DBS Barred and Prohibited Lists.
- A satisfactory Enhanced DBS Disclosure.
- Verification of professional status as required for the post.
- (for teaching posts) verification of successful completion of statutory induction period (applies to those who obtained QTS after 7 May 1999).
- 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.
- Satisfactory completion of the probationary period.
- Compliance with eligibility to work in the UK requirements.

WARNING

Where a candidate is:

- Found to be on DBS Barred List, or the DBS disclosure shows she/he has been disqualified from working with children by a Court; or
- Found to have provided false information in, or in support of, his/her 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 DfE Children's Safeguarding Operation.