

Confidential Reference for: Written by:

BACKGROUND	
What is your relationship to the candidate?	
How long have you known the candidate?	
PERSONNEL MATTERS	
Candidate's current position:	
Dates of the candidate's employment with you (month and year):	From: To:
Extent of candidate's current duties:	
During their employment did the candidate perform their duties to your satisfaction?	
If you were dissatisfied, please explain the reasons for your dissatisfaction.	
During their employment did the candidate present themself professionally with colleagues and with those they dealt with?	

Please confirm the candidate's	
current salary (or their salary on	
termination):	
How does the candidate handle	
working under stressful situations?	
Do you believe that the candidate	
is physically and mentally fit to	
work in a school environment? If	
not, please elaborate, including	
where appropriate any reasonable	
adjustments which were made	
during employment to enable the	
candidate to perform their duties.	
If the candidate has ceased	
employment with you, please	
confirm the reason for the	
termination of the candidate's	
employment. If the candidate was	
dismissed, please explain the	
reason for the candidate's dismissal	
and the surrounding	
circumstances.	
SUITABILITY FOR POST	
Do you believe that the candidate	
has the ability and is suitable to	
undertake this position?	
undertake this position.	
What makes the candidate	
particularly suitable for this	
position?	
If you do not consider the	
candidate to be suitable, please	
elaborate.	
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Are you completely satisfied that	
the candidate is not involved in	
Have they been vocal or active	
opposition to fundamental British	
values including democracy, the	
rule of law, individual liberty and	

mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs? Extremism also includes calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.	
If not, please give specific reasons for your concerns.	
How would you describe the candidate's personality and character?	
How would you describe the candidate's approach to teaching?	
SUITABILITY TO WORK WITH C	HILDREN
Are you completely satisfied that the candidate is suitable to work with children?	
If you are not satisfied, what are your concerns and the reasons why you think the candidate might not be suitable?	
How does the candidate relate to children both inside and outside the classroom?	
How effective is the candidate with gifted and talented pupils as well as those who have special	

educational needs?	
DISCIPLINARY RECORD AND SA	AFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS
Has the candidate been subject to	TO THE TROTTE OF CONCERNS
any disciplinary procedures where	
the disciplinary sanction is still	
current?	
If so, please give details.	
Has the candidate been subject to	
any disciplinary procedures relating	
to the safety and welfare of	
children or young people including anywhere the disciplinary sanction	
has expired, except where the	
allegation was unfounded and / or	
no disciplinary sanctions were imposed?	
imposed:	
If so, please give details.	
If the candidate's role involved no	
contact or responsibility for	
children or young people, please answer <i>Not Applicable</i> .	
Would you appoint the candidate	
to a similar post? If not, please	
explain why.	
Please add any further comments abo	out the candidates which may be helpful.

Signed:
Printed Name:
Position:
Date:
If you are not the Head of the candidate's current school but you are from the same school, please ensure that this reference is countersigned by the Head.
Countersignature:
Printed Name:
Date: