Guidance for Applicants

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Applications from jobseekers who require Tier 2 sponsorship to work in the UK are welcome and will be considered alongside all other applications. However, non-EEA candidates may not be appointed to a post if a suitably qualified, experienced and skilled EU/EEA candidate is available to take up the post as the employing body is unlikely, in these circumstances, to satisfy the Resident Labour Market Test. The UK Border Agency requires employers to complete this test to show that no suitably qualified EEA or EU worker can fill the post.

Completing your Application

The application form, as opposed to curriculum vitae (CV), is used to ensure that information is presented in a standardised format and that only the details that we require are provided. This ensures that all applicants are treated fairly and equally.

As the information contained on the form is used during the selection process, it is essential that you complete all sections as fully as possible.

The following notes are intended to assist you with the completion of the application form:

Current Employment

This section requests the details of your current employment. If currently employed, you should:

- Provide a brief description of the duties and responsibilities held during this employment.
- Include any duties that you consider to be of particular relevance to the position for which you are applying.
- Provide the name and address of your present employer.
- Provide details of your current salary or rate of pay.
- Indicate how much notice you are required to give to your current employer.

Employment History

- Provide details of all previous employment, including that of a voluntary nature. The information should be provided in date order, starting with the most recent and working back.
- Include the dates of employment, a brief summary of your responsibilities in the role, your final salary and reason for leaving. Please do not include details of your current employment in this section.
- If there are gaps in your employment, please use the space available to provide further details.

Education

Provide details of the educational establishments that you have attended and include details of any examinations taken, results obtained, scholarships and other distinctions awarded.

Please start with your most recent institution.

Please note that you may be asked to provided evidence of the qualifications you state you have achieved.

Professional and Vocational Qualifications

- Provide details of technical, professional and occupational training.
- Provide details of relevant training, apprenticeships, articles, evening, full-time day or day release courses, correspondence courses or company courses.
- Please attach photocopies of documentary evidence of your training or qualifications.

Personal Statement

Use this section to provide relevant information about yourself and how you meet the criteria detailed in the job description and person specification for the role.

This part of the application form is critical within the shortlisting process, so please ensure you provide sufficient information in order to demonstrate your suitability for the role.

Referees

- Please provide the details of two people who may be approached for a reference.
- If you are employed, one referee must be connected to your current employer i.e. your line manager.
- Where you have previously worked with children but are not currently doing so, please provide reference details in respect of the last employer for whom you worked with children.
- If you are a college or school leaver, please give details of a teacher or tutor.
- A suitable second referee would be a previous employer, business associate or leader/organiser of a voluntary organisation.
- Personal referees, such as friends, family or those with whom you have any other significant relationship, are not suitable.
- Please note that references may be sought prior to interview.

Personal Relationships

Please provide the name and position of any relative, friend or acquaintance employed or associated with United Learning.

Applicant Monitoring Form

Please complete this section to facilitate applicant monitoring. This information will be removed from your application and will not be used as part of the selection process.

Confidential Disclosure

By virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975, Section 4(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act does not apply to this application as the post involves substantial

opportunity of access to children. This means that you may not withhold information about previous convictions, cautions, reprimands bind-overs or warnings on the grounds that it is otherwise 'spent'.

All criminal convictions must be declared. Failure to do so may result in your application being disqualified or, if discovered after appointment, may be regarded as grounds for dismissal.

Declaration

Please ensure that you read this statement and indicate to confirm your agreement.