



Appointment of Staff – Procedures (Safer Recruitment) inc. recruitment of ex-offenders

This policy is applicable to the whole school including Boarding and Early Years Foundation Stage.

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INTRODUCTION

The St John's Beaumont Appointments Procedure is designed to ensure that all Regulatory Requirements are met and that Safeguarding best practice is maintained. Please refer to the HR handbook for further guidance.

This policy incorporates appointment requirements for:

1. Teaching Staff & Support Staff
2. Volunteers; Peripetetic Staff & Self Employed Activity Providers
3. Service Providers employed by a Third Party, inc. Supply Teachers
4. Visiting Speakers

1 TEACHING STAFF & SUPPORT STAFF

ADVERTISEMENT

All job vacancies state

“St John's Beaumont is committed to ensuring the safety of its pupils and as such any successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced check (including Barred List check) by the (DBS) Disclosing and Barring Service. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of children and young people as its number one priority. Robust recruitment, selection and induction procedures operate throughout the School. Please note that online searches may be conducted on shortlisted candidates, including social media accounts.”

APPLICATION FORM

All applicants must complete a School application form. These may be modified for particular appointments provided no required information is omitted. At least two members of staff will be involved in the short-listing process, with at least one staff member safer recruitment trained. The same members of staff will also be involved in the interview and recruitment process.

INVITATION TO INTERVIEW

No appointment may be made without the applicant being formally interviewed. Only in the most exceptional circumstances (e.g. candidates abroad) may interviews be conducted remotely.

Where possible, references will be sought prior to interview, unless there is a good reason not to e.g. the candidate has asked us not to contact them yet, or it is the current place of employment. Once received these are to be verified with the originators and the fact recorded on the appropriate reference.

As part of the shortlisting process, the School will consider carrying out an online search on shortlisted candidates as part of its due diligence. This may help to identify any incidents or issues that have occurred, and are publicly available online, which the School may want to

explore with an applicant at interview. Candidates will be made aware through the School's application form and job advertisement that an online search may be conducted if they are shortlisted. This information is also included on the Career Opportunities page on our School website.

Candidates will also be required to complete a declaration of their criminal record or information that would make them unsuitable to work with children. This will contain references to prohibition from teaching, prohibition from management, barring information, disqualification from childcare and any criminal history. They will be asked to sign this in pen when they come in to interview.

Candidates must bring to interview appropriate identity documents required to initiate DBS disclosure (passport, birth certificate, utility bills etc.) and relevant qualification certificates. Copies of these are to be taken. If the candidate provides a 'portable' DBS number, a document showing their current address must still be provided.

Interviews are to be conducted by at least two persons. At some stage in the interview process a person with a current Safer Recruitment Training must be present. Interview notes will be retained where possible.

Any unexplained gaps in employment history on application forms must be investigated during interviews.

The School promptly informs unsuccessful candidates and may provide feedback.

APPOINTMENT

Once an appointment has been agreed by the Head Teacher, the Bursar's Office offers the role in writing, subject to:

- Satisfactory References
- DBS clearance
- Medical Fitness
- Proof of qualifications
- Right to work in the UK

A contract of employment must also be prepared and sent at the start of employment. Following receipt of written acceptance of the post, the following is to occur:

- The appointee's details are entered on the School's Single Central Register (SCR)
- Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Disclosure,
- Overseas police checks are to be obtained where applicable
- Right to Work in the UK should be cleared
- UK immigration sponsorship is to be initiated where necessary

If the appointee is to start work before receipt of the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Certificate, (not applicable to Boarding Staff), other checks must be complete and a risk assessment should be conducted by the HR team and signed off by the Head Teacher. Appropriate safeguards should be put in place and the employee's line manager should meet with the Bursar to confirm the details of the risk assessment and supervision arrangements; records of these are to be kept in the appropriate staff file.

DOCUMENTATION

The Bursar's office holds all personnel information confidentially and securely. The Bursar's office is locked when staff are not present. Each new employee should receive copies of the appropriate forms before starting work, and their file should contain the following documents (see Appendix I for checklist):

Job Information Pack	Prohibition from Management (if applicable)
CV/ Application Form – Interview Notes and safer recruitment form	Overseas police checks (if applicable)
Qualifications (if applicable)	Right to work check
Identity Check (Name/ DoB/ Address)	Staff Disqualification Declaration (on app. Form and separate declaration)
At least 2 satisfactory references	Personal Data Form
Online Search Form	Policies Form
DBS	Health Questionnaire (Medical & Fitness)
Barred List 99	Training Courses
Prohibition from Teaching	Contract

Note that some personnel packs will not contain all of the above due to the regulatory changes since employment. The Safeguarding Governor, Bursar and HR function regularly review files and new documents will be issued to existing employees as necessary. New staff are sent a selection of the Schools policies to read, tailored to the expectations of their role. Typically, staff are sent the policies below:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education, Part 1 (for most recent year issued)
- Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Fire Procedures and Evacuation Plan
- Data protection Policy
- GDPR Privacy Notice for Employees
- IT Acceptable use policy (teaching staff)
- IT Policy
- Staff Behavior Policy
- Staff code of Conduct for online teaching
- Visitor Policy
- Staff Handbook
- Staff Absence Policy

RETENTION OF DBS DISCLOSURES

DBS disclosure numbers are recorded on the Single Central register. It is not the School's policy to keep original copies of certificates but should any be retained the Bursar's office must destroy 6 months after the appointee starts work at St John's.



RESPONSIBILITIES

The Bursar's Office is responsible for

- Barred List Checks (previously List 99)
- DBS Disclosures
- Right to work in the UK
- Immigration Sponsorship
- Maintaining Personnel Files
- Drafting Offer Letters
- Preparing Contracts
- Supervising the SCR

SINGLE CENTRAL REGISTER

The School follows Appendix 1: Checking the Single Central Register of Appointments, see attached appendix.

The Single Central Register is to be maintained in electronic form though it must be capable of being printed when required by an appropriate authority (e.g. ISI). This is maintained via Schoolbase and the ISI excel SCR checker, the school's electronic staff and student database.

The Register consists of the following sections, arranged by start date of employment:

- Teaching staff
- Part-time Teachers
- Peripatetic Teachers (e.g. music, sports)
- Overseas Staff
- Non-teaching staff
- Governors
- Volunteers
- Activity providers
- Other 3rd party employees

The Bursar and Head Teacher are responsible for maintaining the Single Central Register and may delegate this responsibility to a member of his/her office. The Governors have oversight of the SCR and will check it regularly. Only staff in the Bursar's Offices are permitted to make entries in the Register. Personnel files and SCR entries for each new member of staff will be reviewed by the Headteacher or Bursar prior to them commencing work.

A separate Contractors Central Register is maintained by the Site Manager and regularly monitored by the Bursar.

A separate Supply Agency Central Register is maintained by the Bursar. The Deputy Head (Academic) is responsible for the booking and training of Supply Teachers in accordance with the Health & Safety, Safeguarding, Fire Procedures and Evacuation Plan.

The Bursar will check the Register regularly ensure it is being correctly maintained and that the recruitment procedures are being followed.

2 VOLUNTEERS; PERIPETETIC STAFF & SELF EMPLOYED ACTIVITY PROVIDERS

St John's Beaumont is committed to provide a varied and well balanced programme of music and after school activities to compliment the curriculum. Part of the after school activities will be delivered, free of charge, by members of staff while other activities, requiring specialised coaching, will be delivered by outside providers. Outsourced activity providers and peripatetic music teachers may be self-employed or volunteers, or they may be employees of a Company or Agency. Volunteers will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and a risk assessment conducted to determine the appropriate checks, considering factors such as length of time volunteering, nature of the role and whether it constitutes regulated activity

In all cases, activity providers, when not employed by the school, are subject to the same recruitment procedures as other staff as per school appointments and procedures.

INTERVIEW

No appointment may be made without the applicant being formally interviewed, even if there is only one.

Two references are to be collected, at least one reference to be sought prior to interview. Once received these are to be verified with originators and the fact recorded on the appropriate reference.

Candidates must bring the following to the interview, copies of which are kept on file, in line with the Data policy:

- appropriate identity documents required to initiate DBS disclosure, (passport, birth certificate, utility bill, driving licence etc)
- relevant qualification certificates
- current DBS (if they have one)

At this stage, a barred list check, prohibition from teaching checks and prohibition from management checks should be completed.

Interviews are to be conducted by at least two persons. A member of staff with a safer recruitment qualification will be present on all interview panels. Only in the most exceptional circumstances, (e.g. the candidate being abroad) may interviews be conducted remotely.

APPOINTMENT

Once an appointment has been agreed, either a formal offer letter or a self-employed activity provider/ peripatetic agreement is to be sent to the successful candidate. The covering letter must include wording to the effect that the appointment is subject to:

- Satisfactory references
- Proof of qualifications if required
- DBS clearance
- Right to work in the UK (if applicable)



- Medical fitness

Checks of adequate personal and professional indemnity/public liability insurances are to be collected if applicable. Insurance certificates must be updated and recorded on the activity provider files on a yearly basis and held within the Bursar's office.

Following receipt of written acceptance of the post, the following is to take place:

- The appointee's details are entered on the SCR.
- DBS disclosure
- Overseas police checks are to be obtained where applicable
- All pre-employment forms completed
- If the appointee is to start work before receipt of the DBS, all other checks must be in place and a risk assessment is to be conducted and appropriate safeguards put in place. The Headteacher is the only staff member able to authorise this.
- Records of these are to be kept in the appropriate staff file.

TRAINING

- Safeguarding training to be provided by the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- On-line child protection training to be completed via The National Colleges.
- Relevant documentation regarding Safeguarding including policies and Keeping Children Safe in Education Part 1, are to be provided.
- Health & Safety including Fire Procedure and Evacuation Plan.
- Staff code of conduct and Safe use of IT training to be provided by the Bursar if applicable.



3 STAFF EMPLOYED BY A THIRD PARTY OR AGENCY

Staff employed by a Third Party Agency includes (but is not limited to):

- Kitchen staff
- Activities providers
- Supply teachers
- Temporary support staff

APPOINTMENT

No person supplied by a third party or agency may start work unless written confirmation has been received that the following checks have been made by the agency:

- An enhanced DBS check has been carried out and is checked to ascertain whether the certificate discloses any matter or information in accordance with Section 113B(b) of the Police Act 1997.
- A DBS certificate must be provided by the Agency or Third Party. This must be obtained not more than three months before the proposed date of employment unless the person has had an enhanced DBS check from working within a school not more than three months previously.
- Where the DBS certificate discloses any matter or information in accordance with Section 113B (6) of the Police Act 1997 a copy is to be provided to the school.
- Employment history
- Medical fitness checked
- Disqualification from Childcare completed
- Two satisfactory reference collected
- Children's barred list check
- Right to work
- Identity
- Overseas police checks (if applicable)
- Professional qualifications (if applicable)
- Prohibition from teaching (if applicable)
- Prohibition from management (if applicable)
- Online Search
- The Agency or Third Party must provide copies of their Safeguarding Policy, and Insurance documentation if applicable. The School will also provide our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. The insurance documents must be updated annually and information recorded.

A safeguarding declaration has been produced to include all of the necessary checks, and may be sent to the HR department or company manager to complete on behalf of their employees. The safeguarding declaration will evidence that all necessary checks have been completed



already, and the ISI guidance allows for schools to use the declarations as evidence of the checks being satisfied.

The school may choose to conduct the checks manually if the individual does not come from an organization, as no person can complete the declaration on behalf of themselves.

ON ARRIVAL BEFORE STARTING WORK AT ST JOHN'S BEAUMONT

The identity of the activity provider is to be verified by the Receptionist and a visitor badge issued. They must be provided with the visitors information and safeguarding leaflet. The activity provider or third party must sign both in and out of the school visitors register at reception for each visit to the school.

An entry is to be made in the SCR by the Bursar's Office. The Contractors SCR maintained by the Site Manager and Bursars Office, Supply Teacher SCR maintained by the Bursar's Office; Single Central Register maintained by the Bursar's Office.

The Deputy Head (Academic) is responsible for ensuring

- Supply Teachers' documentation is recorded appropriately at Reception, and passed on to the Bursar's Office for recording on the SCR.
- Supply Teachers receive a safeguarding briefing/induction at the start of the day from the DSL or other appropriate member of staff.

4 VISITING SPEAKERS

As part of our co-curricular program SJB invites speakers from the wider community who enrich the pupils experience of school, providing pupils with information that helps them make decisions at the different phase of their education, encouraging them to think about their spirituality, widening their understanding of world and global issues and providing motivational inspiration through the sharing of a speaker's experience.

It is the School's responsibility to critically assess that the experience shared is aligned to the school's ethos and values, and to British values which includes democracy, rule of law. Individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

When appointing visiting Speakers the following protocol needs to be followed:

- Requests for outside speakers must be discussed with the Deputy Head (Academic). The request needs to include details about the speaker and the purpose of the presentation.
- The Visiting Speakers Register needs to be completed by the staff member whom invited the speaker. The following checks will be collected:
 - To collect at least 1 reference (this may be verbal)
 - Complete an internet search to ensure the content and delivery is suitable for Prep-School aged children
 - Designate a supervisor to escort the speaker and to stay through the presentation to monitor the content
 - Contact details of the visiting speaker
- Wherever possible a notice period of no less than two weeks is given prior of the speaker/visitor's proposed date at School.
- The organizer must ascertain that all information communicated by the visitor/speaker is lawful and that the information aligns to the values and ethos of SJB and to British values.
- Visiting speakers are required to agree to the following terms and conditions:
 - The presentation must not incite hatred, violence, or call for the breaking of the law.
 - The visiting speaker is not permitted to encourage, glorify or promote any acts of terrorism, including individuals, groups or organisations that support such acts.



- The visiting speaker must not spread hatred and intolerance of any minority group/s in the community. The visiting speaker must seek to avoid insulting other faiths or groups, within a framework of positive debate and challenge.
- Visiting speakers are not permitted to raise or gather funds for any external organisation of cause without express permission from the Head Teacher or Deputy Head.
- School staff have the right and responsibility to interrupt and/or stop the presentation for any violation of this agreement.
- School's safeguarding procedures apply and visiting speakers should be asked to supply photographic identity from their institution when they arrive in school. They will be issued with the Safeguarding information and visitors booklet and will be asked to familiarise themselves with these, they will be issued with a visitors' badge which they must wear at all times. Visitors must be accompanied at all times whilst they are on the school site.
- During the visit/talk the organising member of staff must ensure that she/he is present during the visit/talk, who is required to monitor what is being said to ensure that it aligns with the values and ethos of the school and British values. In the unlikely event that the speech does not meet this requirement, immediate action must be taken by the member of staff to balance the information given and this must be reported to the Deputy Head immediately after the talk/visit. All visitors to the School should only use toilet facilities which have been designated for the use of visitors and staff only.
- The Deputy Head (Academic) will keep a registers of visiting speaker.



APPENDIX I - CHECKING THE SINGLE CENTRAL REGISTER OF APPOINTMENTS – EXAMPLE OF SCR

Number	Type	Post	Date Start	Identity Check	Qualifications Check	DBS	Barred List	Right to Work	Overseas Check	Prohibition from Teaching	Prohibition from Management	References	CVs
1	Helper		15/11/2017	21/09/2017	14/11/2017	14/11/2017	N/A	14/11/2017	06/12/2017	14/10/2016	21/09/2017	14/11/2017	14/11/2017
2	Supply		09/05/2017	09/05/2017	10/03/2017	10/03/2017	N/A	10/03/2017	09/05/2017	N/A	09/05/2017	10/03/2017	10/03/2017
3	Governor		05/05/2017	09/05/2017	31/05/2017	31/05/2017	N/A	01/05/2017	06/12/2017	06/08/2018	09/05/2017	31/05/2017	01/05/2017
4	Govr		27/01/2017	19/01/2017	24/02/2017	24/02/2017	N/A	08/12/2016	06/12/2017	N/A	16/01/2017	24/02/2017	08/12/2016
5	Peripatetic		13/01/2017	13/01/2017	25/08/2016	25/08/2016	N/A	26/08/2016	13/01/2017	14/10/2016	13/01/2017	25/08/2016	26/08/2016
6	Nursery		10/10/2016	07/10/2016	08/08/2017	08/08/2017	N/A	06/06/2018	06/12/2017	14/10/2016	07/10/2016	08/08/2017	06/06/2018
7	Governor		10/10/2016	06/10/2016	14/10/2016	21/10/2016	N/A	01/09/2016	06/12/2017	N/A	06/10/2016	21/10/2016	01/09/2016
8	Support		01/09/2016	24/06/2016	12/07/2016	11/07/2016	N/A	11/07/2016	06/12/2017	14/10/2016	24/06/2016	11/07/2016	11/07/2016
9	Teacher		18/04/2016	04/03/2016	11/03/2016	31/03/2016	N/A	31/03/2016	08/03/2016	N/A	04/03/2016	31/03/2016	31/03/2016
10	Peripatetic		02/09/2015	17/07/2015	30/07/2015	29/07/2015	N/A	30/08/2015	17/07/2015	N/A	17/07/2015	29/07/2015	30/08/2015
11	Peripatetic		18/06/2015	18/06/2015	18/06/2015	24/06/2015	N/A	12/06/2015	18/06/2015	N/A	18/06/2015	24/06/2015	12/06/2015
12	Teacher		08/01/2014	07/01/2014	11/06/2015	15/01/2014	N/A	12/12/2013	12/06/2015	N/A	07/01/2014	15/01/2014	12/12/2013
13	Teacher		01/01/2013	16/10/2012	11/06/2015	20/10/2012	N/A	20/12/2012	12/06/2015	N/A	16/10/2012	20/10/2012	20/12/2012



APPENDIX II - PERSONNEL FILE CHECKLIST

ITEM	CHECKED
Job Information Pack	
CV/ Application Form – Interview Notes	
Qualifications (if applicable)	
Identity Check (Name/ DoB/ Address)	
Reference 1	
Reference 2	
DBS	
Barred List 99	
Prohibition from Teaching	
Prohibition from Management (if applicable)	
Overseas police checks (if applicable)	
Right to work check	
Staff Disqualification Declaration (on application form and separate more in-depth form)	
Personal Data Form	
Policies Form	
Health Questionnaire (Medical & Fitness)	
Training Courses	
Online Search	
Contract	

POLICY ON THE RECRUITMENT OF EX-OFFENDERS

The School will not unfairly discriminate against any candidate for employment on the basis of conviction or other details revealed. The School makes appointment decisions on the basis of merit and ability. If an individual has a criminal record this will not automatically bar him/her from employment within the School. Instead, each case will be decided on its merits in accordance with the objective assessment criteria set out below.

All candidates should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if they have been appointed, and a possible referral to the police and/or DBS.

Under the relevant legislation, it is unlawful for the School to employ anyone who is included on the lists maintained by the DBS of individuals who are considered unsuitable to work with children. In addition, it will also be unlawful for the School to employ anyone who is the subject of a disqualifying order made on being convicted or charged with the following offences against children: murder, manslaughter, rape, other serious sexual offences, grievous bodily harm or other serious acts of violence. It is also unlawful for the School to knowingly employ someone who works in the relevant settings and is disqualified from providing childcare under the statutory guidance "Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006".

It is a criminal offence for any person who is disqualified from working with children to attempt to apply for a position within the School. The School will report the matter to the Police and/or the DBS if:

- the School receives an application from a disqualified person;
- is provided with false information in, or in support of, an applicant's application; or
- the School has serious concerns about an applicant's suitability to work with children.

In the event that relevant information (whether in relation to previous convictions or otherwise) is volunteered by an applicant during the recruitment process or obtained through a disclosure check, the School will consider the following factors before reaching a recruitment decision:

- whether the conviction or other matter revealed is relevant to the position in question;
- whether the conviction or caution is 'protected' as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2020 (if yes, it will not be taken into account);
- the seriousness of any offence or other matter revealed;
- the length of time since the offence or other matter occurred;
- whether the applicant has a pattern of offending behaviour or other relevant matters;
- whether the applicant's circumstances have changed since the offending behaviour or other relevant matters;
- in the case of disqualification from providing childcare, whether the applicant has or is able to obtain an Ofsted waiver from disqualification; and
- the circumstances surrounding the offence and the explanation(s) offered by the convicted person.



If the post involves regular contact with children, it is the School's normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted at any time of any the following offences: murder, manslaughter, rape, other serious sexual offences, grievous bodily harm or other serious acts of violence, serious class A drug related offences, robbery, burglary, theft, deception or fraud.

If the post involves access to money or budget responsibility, it is the School's normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted at any time of robbery, burglary, theft, deception or fraud.

If the post involves some driving responsibilities, it is the School's normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted of drink driving.