**Bristol City Council**

**Application for Employment**

**(Work with Children or Vulnerable Adults)**

Please note that a high level of vetting is undertaken on candidates and that the definition of working with children and vulnerable adults is widely drawn.

An Enhanced Disclosure is required for this post and where appropriate a barring check.

**Information for applicants**

**CVs will not be accepted.**

All sections of the form must be completed.

If you are not completing electronically please complete in black pen to aid photocopying.

Please read the guidance notes for more information before completing this form and confirm that you have read them.

I confirm that I have read the guidance notes **Yes No**

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| Position applied for:  |
| Job Reference No:  | Applicant No: (office use only) |
| School:  | Closing date: |
| How did you find out about the vacancy: |

**Education**

If offered a post you will be asked for original evidence of your qualifications on appointment and the School reserves the right to approach any number of education providers to verify qualifications stated. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

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| Full record of secondary schools, colleges or universities attended | Full or part time | From | To | Exams passed and qualifications gained (including NVQs), including grades |
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**Training** (e.g. short courses; further development)

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| Course title | Date | Qualification (if appropriate) |
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|  Membership of professional bodies(by examination) and date of admission: |

**Present/most recent employer** (this may be paid or unpaid)

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| Job Title: | Salary: |
| Brief description of job and main duties: |
| Start date in this job | End date (if appropriate) |
| Name and address of employer:Post code: Telephone no: |

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| How much notice do you need to give? |

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| Have you undertaken any work in the community?(If yes, the panel will ask you about this at interview if shortlisted.) | Yes |  |
| No |  |

**Full record of previous employment** (this may be paid or unpaid)

Please put most recent job first. Any dismissal or redundancy must be clearly stated. Please indicate if any previous employer or voluntary group involved with has closed down.

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| Name and address of employer | Job title and main duties | From  | To | Reason for leaving | Final salary |
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**Gaps in employment or training** Please indicate and explain any gaps since first leaving secondary education. Please continue on an additional sheet if necessary.

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| Date from | Date to | Reason for gap |
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**Further information**

Please say how your skills, knowledge and previous experience, whether paid or unpaid, are relevant to this post and how they meet the criteria listed on the employee specification by giving practical examples. You should refer to these and the enclosed guidance notes when completing this sheet. You can also outline personal achievements, whether in paid employment or elsewhere to demonstrate personal qualities or interests. Please continue on a separate sheet, if necessary.

Please note you should complete this section with enough evidence to demonstrate how you meet all of the essential criteria, without this you cannot be shortlisted.

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**Pensions**

You will automatically become a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme when you meet the eligibility criteria and scheme rules. This may be when you start working for us, or later on. You have the right to opt out of the scheme and if you do you will still be entitled to the basic state pension. Please contact the Avon Pension Fund for more information about the Local Government Pension Scheme.

**References**

References will be taken up should you be invited for an interview. Please give the name and address of two referees from whom the School/Council may seek information regarding your suitability for employment. If you are currently employed one of the referees must be your current/most recent employer (see guidance notes). Otherwise it must be your most recent employer.

Please note that, in addition to your two nominated referees, any number of previous employers may be contacted, without seeking further permission from you, in relation to your employment history as part of the vetting process (this includes vetting of internal applicants). Checks may also be made on referees and their relationship to you. Family, ex/current partners, close friends are generally not acceptable referees.

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| Name: | Name: |
| Address: | Address: |
| Tel No. (Incl. area code): | Tel No. (Incl. area code): |
| Fax: | Fax: |
| E-mail: | E-mail: |
| Job title: | Job title: |
| Relationship to you: | Relationship to you: |

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| If shortlisted for interview, please give any days/dates when you would NOT be available: |  |

**Disabled applicants**

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| The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as: “A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial or long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities”. |
| Do you consider yourself to be a Disabled Person: | Yes | No |

Bristol City Council "works to ensure that its workforce reflects the diversity of the city's communities through its employment practices. The council will use all the power available to it, including the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 and appropriate European directives and subsequent case law to ensure this happens."

**Bristol City Council**

**Application for Employment (Work with Children or Vulnerable Adults)**

**Criminal records, convictions, cautions, reprimands, final warnings, bans etc**

**Important Information**

Please read and sign the declaration at the end of this section

**Applicants should be aware that providing false information to obtain employment is a criminal offence.**

It is a requirement of employment for this post that an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is obtained.

If applicable, the school will use the DBS check to ensure compliance with the Childcare Disqualification Regulations. It is an offence to provide or manage childcare covered by these regulations if you are disqualified.

Part of the DBS check may include examining Local Authority Child Protection Registers where you have lived in the past.  As part of our safer recruitment process we may also contact a number of your past employers regarding this application for employment.

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to bring proof of identity to interview eg current passport or photo-driving licence, plus at least one item of address related evidence.

If you are successful you will be required to complete an online Disclosure and Barring Service application which will result in a certificate being issued personally to you, directly from the Disclosure Service.  Full details will be given on the DBS application process following any offer of employment.  You will be required to evidence the DBS certificate to the Hiring Manager/Headteacher, once received, as part of your confirmation of employment.

**Please answer the following**

Have you ever been dismissed from employment for any reason other than redundancy? **Yes No**

If yes please give reasons below

Have you ever been suspended or subject to disciplinary action in any employment?

 **Yes No**

Have you ever been the subject of **any** proven/unproven investigation(s), complaint(s) or the like in relation to your work with children or vulnerable adults, whether in a paid or voluntary capacity or carried out privately?  **Yes No**

Have you previously used, or do you currently use, any other surname **Yes No**

If yes please state the other surname(s) used

Have you ever been banned from working with children (up to 18) or vulnerable adults?

 **Yes No**

If you have lived or worked outside of the UK in the last 5 years, the school may require additional information in order to comply with ‘safer recruitment’ requirement. If you answer ‘yes’ to the question below, we may contact you for additional information

Have you lived or worked outside of the UK in the last 5 years **Yes No**

**Additional Question Early Years Employees only**

Have your own children ever being subject to a Child Protection Plan, taken in Care or removed from your care as a result of abuse or neglect? **Yes No**

If you answer yes to any of the questions above, and you are shortlisted, the panel will discuss this at interview. You may wish to provide documentation concerning these.

**Important**

In the event of answering yes to the above questions, please note that your application will be treated on its merits. A criminal record is not necessarily a barrier to employment. It will be weighed according to relevance and the circumstances and background to your record.

Are you subject to a ban under either the Protection of Children Act 1999; Care Standards (Vulnerable Adults) Act 2001; Disqualification from Working with Children Regulations; or serving a Disqualification Order under the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000?  **Yes No**

**Statement: I confirm that I have read and understand the above provisions.** **If completing this form electronically, you will be asked to sign a copy of this form if you attend an interview**

**Signed..................................................……..…...........**

**Date.........................................**

**Bristol City Council Application Form (Work with Vulnerable Adults/ Children)**

**Personal Details: Do not detach this sheet from the rest of the form.**

Bristol City Council is working towards recruiting a workforce that fairly represents all sections of the community. To help us do this, we will detach this sheet before it is sent to a shortlisting panel and applicants will be identified by an applicant number only. Information on this sheet is strictly confidential.

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| **Job reference no:** | **Applicant no:** (for office use only) |

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| Title: (Please tick) | Mr | Mrs | Miss | Ms | Dr | Other |

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| Name:  |
| Other surnames previously known by, whether formally or informally. If offered a post, original evidence of identity and name changes will be required: |
| Address: Post code:  |
| Telephone numbers (incl. Area code):  | Home: | Daytime: |
| Mobile | Textphone (Minicom)  |
| e-mail address |

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| Are you applying for this job on a job share basis? | Yes  | No. |

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| National Insurance No: |

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| Date of birth (applicants must be aged over 16 when they commence employment): |

Please state below if you are related to or have a personal relationship with any councillor/ employee:

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| Name(s) |  | Relationship: |

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| Are you, or have you been, a Councillor with a Local Authority within the last twelve months? | Yes: | No: |

‘I declare that the information contained in every section of this application is correct and understand that any false or misleading information may make this application void. If employment has begun, I may be dismissed without notice and may be prosecuted under the Theft Act’.

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| Signed |  | Date |

Bristol City Council is working to ensure that its workforce reflects the city’s diverse population. To assess our success we need full information regarding the gender, ethnicity and disability of all applicants. The information will be kept confidential and used only for monitoring purposes.

#### Disability

With reference to the Equalities Act definition:

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| Do you consider yourself to be a Disabled person? Yes |   | No |  | Prefer not to say |  |

**Ethnic origin** Please note that these categories reflect those used in the 2021 Census.

How would you describe your ethnic origin? (If you do not identify with any of the categories listed, please use one of the “other” categories.) Please tick one box.

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| White | English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British |  |
| Irish |  |  |
| Gypsy or Irish Traveller |  |  |
| Roma |  |  |
| Any other White background |  |
| Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups | White and black Caribbean |  |
| White and black African |  |
| White and Asian |  |
| Any other Mixed or Multiple background |  |
| Asian or Asian British | Indian |  |
| Pakistani |  |
| Bangladeshi |  |
| Chinese |  |
| Any other Asian background |  |
| Black, Black British, Caribbean or African | Caribbean |  |
| African background |  |
| Any other Black, Black British or Caribbean background |  |
| Other ethnic group | Arab |  |
| Any other ethnic group |  |
|  | Don’t know/not sure |  |
| Would rather not state |  |

**Religion**

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| No religion |  |
| Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations) |  |
| Buddhist |  |
| Hindu |  |
| Jewish |  |
| Muslim |  |
| Sikh |  |
| Any other religion |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

**Sexual Orientation**

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| Bisexual |  |
| Gay / Lesbian |  |
| Heterosexual / Straight |  |
| Other sexual orientation |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |

**Gender reassignment**

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| No |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |
| Yes |  |

**Marital status**

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| Married |  |
| In a registered civil partnership |  |
| Divorced |  |
| Married |  |
| Partner |  |
| Prefer not to say |  |
| Single |  |
| Widowed |  |

**Guidelines on the application form**

Thank you for your interest in applying for a job in a Bristol City Council maintained school.

The following notes have been put together to help you understand our processes and how to fill in your application form as effectively as possible. You are advised to read them before you start.

**CVs will not be accepted**. All relevant information should be provided on the application form, although you may attach additional sheets if there is insufficient space on the relevant sections of the form. Selection will be made from this information only, so statements such as “see previous application” or “refer to personal file” [if an internal applicant] will not be acted upon.

**Making your application**

**Understanding the job**

Information about the job can be can be found in the documentation:

* The job advertisement gives brief details about the job
* The job description gives the duties and accountabilities in more detail
* The criteria on the employee specification show the knowledge, skills and experience you will require to do the job.

All this information should give you a clearer idea of what the job is about, and you can then decide whether you want to submit an application.

**The application form**

How you complete the application form is very important because shortlisting from this form is the first stage of the selection procedure. The information you give will be used to decide whether you will be invited to interview.

All applications, from both internal and external candidates, are considered against the criteria contained in the employee specification.

Applicants must meet at least all the essential criteria contained in the employee specification to be considered for interview for the job applied for.

If there are a large number of applicants, the desirable and advantageous criteria will also be considered, so it’s extremely important that you indicate how you meet all the essential criteria and as many of the other criteria as possible so we have a full picture of your skills, experience and abilities.

If you need to continue on a separate sheet for any of the sections please do so, making sure that the additional information for each section is clearly headed, eg “Training”.

Please put your applicant number on any additional sheets so that they can always be linked to the main form - this can be found on the front page of the form.

Please explain any gaps in your employment history.

**Please send the completed application form to the school’s address which is shown** **in the advert** and NOT to any other address supplied with the job details.

**Guidance regarding Disclosure and Barring Service checks**

**Enhanced Level DBS Required**

Please note that it is a requirement of employment that an enhanced level Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is obtained for this post with Barring checks where appropriate.

If you have received any criminal convictions or cautions at any time you should refer to the DBS guidance and information available at [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-list-of-offences-that-will-never-befiltered-from-a-criminal-record-check](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-list-of-offences-that-will-never-be-filtered-from-a-criminal-record-check)

A past criminal conviction will not normally prevent you being considered for employment; it will be necessary to consider the nature of the conviction(s) and other relevant factors having regard to the position applied for.

Criminal record checks are carried out in accordance with the DBS Code of Practice. More information can be found at [*https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-code-of-practice*](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-code-of-practice)

Any information received from your DBS certificate will be treated in a confidential manner and in accordance with the DBS Code of Practice.

In the event that you are appointed to this post DBS checks will be undertaken on a regular basis throughout your employment.

Further information regarding DBS checks can be found at :

<https://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check>

**Posts involving employment in Early Years**

Any employee whose role and responsibilities include working in the school’s Nursery/Reception Class/ before or after school provision is required to confirm that under the following legislation and regulations:

* Childcare Act 2006
* Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
* The Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009
* Early years Foundation Stage (Welfare Requirements) Regulations 2012
* Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage (September 2014)

that you are not disqualified from working within early years services or disqualified by association from working within early years services.

**Equality of opportunity**

Bristol City Council is an equal opportunities employer and particularly welcomes applications from groups currently under-represented in the workforce. It is essential that we monitor the effectiveness of our policy, and to help us do this we appreciate your co-operation in completing all sections of the personal details form. This information will not be used when shortlisting, and all information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Do not send information which includes your name or other personal details, and if you include additional sheets to give further information on any of the sections on the application form, use the applicant number on the front of the form rather than your name to identify them. Do not enclose references or pictures of yourself.

The council is committed to making reasonable adjustments to make interviews and jobs more accessible to Disabled people.

**Equality of information**

All applicants will receive the same information about the job, and if a contact officer is given, all applicants are invited to phone for an informal discussion about the job prior to applying for it. This may help you decide if you meet all the criteria and whether you want to proceed with an application.

**References**

References will normally be taken up before the interview for all shortlisted candidates. If you are in paid employment, your current employer should be named as someone we can approach for a reference. References will be taken up if you are offered an interview. If you do not wish your referee to be approached at this stage, you should request this in writing with reasons. No appointment will be offered without satisfactory references first being received.

If you are related to a referee in any way - for example, if you have formally been employed by a member of your family - you should make this clear on the form.

Should you never have been employed before you should give the name of someone who will be able to comment on your skills and abilities, such as a teacher or lecturer, or other professional person who is not a friend or relative. A second referee can be a family friend who will provide a character reference, but the relationship should be stated.

You should ask permission from your proposed referees prior to naming them.

**Canvassing**

Any sort of canvassing will lead to you automatically being disqualified. For example, you must not ask a Councillor or employee of the council to use their influence to help you get this job.

**Elected members and politically restricted posts**

Elected members of local authorities cannot be appointed as officers of those authorities for 12 months following their term of office. Officers in politically restricted posts cannot engage in political activity.

**Right to work**

All employers must ensure that they only employ people who have a right to work in this country. Successful applicants not currently employed by the council will have to produce either a P45 from their last employer, a document from the Benefits Agency or Employment Services or any other appropriate official document before their first day of employment.

**Late applications**

The completed application form must reach us by the stated closing date. Late applications may not be considered unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please note: It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is received by the school by the closing date indicated on the covering letter.

**Recruitment files**

Application forms and recruitment files are confidential documents and will normally be seen by those who need to see them in order to recruit and select. Bristol City Council audits its recruitment and selection processes, and therefore the Recruitment Auditor will also have access to any files for auditing purposes.

**Complaints procedure**

If you feel you have not been treated fairly you can write to the Chair of Governors who will investigate your complaint in accordance with the school’s complaints procedures. You will get a written reply and if something has gone wrong we will say so and try to put it right. Any complaints should normally be made within three months of the incident arising.

Please note that complaints can only be raised about the application of the recruitment and selection policy, not about the appointment decision.

NB It may be useful for you to keep a copy of the application form for future reference.

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