

Dunbar Education – Safer Recruitment Policy (September 2020)

Date of Policy: 01/09/2020

This policy will be reviewed every 12 months. Review date: 01/09/2021

Dunbar Education carry out stringent compliance checks and ensure that all our candidates are fully compliant in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education Guidelines. Prior to any of our candidates engaging in an assignment, the following checks are carried out:

Candidate Interview/Registration

All candidates undertake a thorough interview conducted by a competent Dunbar team member, covering expectations whilst working for us, competencies and safeguarding. If there is any concern related to the suitability of the candidate, then this is escalated to the Compliance manager.

Verified 5 Year Career History

Any gaps in the candidate's employment are identified and must be explained by the candidate. This is then documented in the interview notes.

Enhanced DBS Certificate

For a candidate to work through Dunbar Education we must see the original Enhanced DBS Certificate. All candidates must also be registered on the 'Update Service'. If the candidate has not registered on the update service, then a new DBS must be processed.

Overseas Police Checks

Where a candidate has worked/lived overseas during the last 5 years for a period of 12 months or more, we will obtain an overseas police check. Where a local police check is not available, or cannot be validated, a satisfactory certificate of good conduct relating to time spent living outside of the UK will be obtained. This may be in the form of an additional reference from a person in a position of authority to gain reassurance that the candidate had no convictions that would preclude them from working with children.

Identity checks

Our recruitment process requires the candidate to provide original identity documents such as passport, birth certificate and driving licence. We will always ensure we are up to date with the government's identity checking guidelines.

Children's Barred List Check

A Barred List Check is carried out for every candidate, prior to them being made active. This will be carried on current surname, previous surname and any variations.

Prohibition and sanction checks:

- We also undertake prohibition and sanctions checks for all candidates.
- We also check against teachers who have failed induction or probation.
- Checks for teachers support staff and others prohibited from the profession.
- Section 128 barring directions (list containing the names of individuals who have been barred from taking part in the management of any independent schools [including academies and free schools] under the terms of a direction made by the secretary of state)
- GTCE sanction checks.

Referencing:

The candidate will be asked to provide the contact details of a minimum of two professional referees (using the referees' professional email addresses only). These references must cover the last 11 months and one of these references must be from their current or most recent employer. Our policy is that we only accept references from members of the senior management team (SMT), or references that have been verified by a member of the SMT.

Proof of address check:

We are required to confirm the candidate's home address via one or more of the following documents:

- A utility bill (electricity, gas, or water), bank or building society or credit card statement. These must be less than three months old at time of registration (mobile phone bills are not acceptable)
- A current council tax statement, mortgage statement, financial statement i.e. pensions or endowment, P45 or P60 statement. These must have been issued within the last 12 months.

Change of name check:

We check against marriage certificates/civil [partnerships, divorce papers or deed poll certificates.

Qualifications check:

The candidate's original qualification documents are seen or are checked against the issuing institution or NCTL; or, for overseas candidates, with the relevant institution or governing body. We check the candidate's teaching status with the NCTL. This check is for all UK teachers and overseas trained teachers who have been awarded QTS in the UK.

Right to work check:

We check against the candidate's passport and visa (if applicable) so that we are able to confirm the candidate's right to work in the UK.

Medical fitness to work:

This is a required medical declaration completed by all candidates.

Should you require any further information on Dunbar Education's Policy please contact us 020 8004 3210 or admin@dunbareducation.com