

## **Employment of ex-offenders**

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to complete a self-declaration of their criminal record or information that would make them unsuitable to work with children and bring this to interview.

We are asking you for this information because we have a duty to balance our commitment to help ex-offenders find work with our need to protect the public and those in the school's care who are receiving its services.

The amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020) provides that when applying for certain jobs and activities, certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected'. This means that they do not need to be disclosed to employers, and if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account.

Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website.

Due to the nature of the work for which you are applying we also need you to declare any spent convictions if they appear on the list of offences relevant to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. If your application is successful and you did not disclose any convictions or other sanctions, it could result in dismissal or disciplinary action being taken against you. Any information you give will be completely confidential and will be considered only in relation to the job for which you are applying.