

Burgess Hill Girls is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all employees, agency workers and casual employees to share this commitment. The recruitment process supports the School in achieving this aim, both when the School recruits directly or where external agencies are used.

The aim of the School's recruitment policy is to:

Support the School in achieving its strategy and vision;

- Carry out safer recruitment in line with The Department for Education "Keeping Children Safe in Education" statutory guidance and the ISI Regulatory Requirements.
- Attract high calibre candidates and appoint the best candidate for each role;
- Ensure recruitment is carried out fairly with due regard to equal opportunities and current employment legislation, selecting the best candidate for the role regardless of race, sex, age, sexual orientation or disability.

Recruitment Procedure

Approvals

All increases in headcount are to be referred to the Governors for headcount approval.

For replacement positions, these are to be approved as follows:

- All Teaching appointments and senior non-Teaching appointments – the Head
- All other Non-Teaching appointments – the Bursar

The following roles are Governor appointments and will be appointed by the Nominations Committee:

- Head
- Head of the Junior School
- Deputy Head
- Bursar

Direct Advertising

1. Agree where to advertise position, timescales and closing date with either the Nominations Committee, Governors, Head or Bursar as shown above.

2. All advertisements must include the following wording:

“The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced disclosure through the ‘Disclosure and Barring Service.’”

3. Agree interview date with relevant parties, together with selection methods for that role
4. Interview panel and selection methods agreed. The interview panel will meet before the interview to agree the standard set of interview questions, interview format and specific questions for candidates for example to explore any gaps in application forms.
5. Agree wording of advertisement or if recruitment consultant to be used, agree their terms of reference.
6. Ensure advertisement and details of the vacancy together with job and person specification is included on the School’s website.
7. Ensure copy advertisement goes on staff noticeboards and (for vacancies in the Senior School) the Head includes in the morning briefing for Senior School.
8. Copy advertisement to Head/Bursar/Governors (as appropriate) and Head of Department.

Recruitment Pack

- Review and update job description and person specification
- Review and agree contents of pack and review covering letter for inclusion on the website:

Information to be available on vacancies page of website:

1. Covering letter, including closing date and recruitment timetable and referencing the school’s commitment to safeguarding
 2. Information on the School
 3. Job description and person specification
 4. Application form
 5. Equal opportunity form
 6. Child protection policy
 7. Policy on recruitment of ex-offenders
- Forms should be checked on receipt and incomplete forms returned to the candidate.
 - When closing date is reached, send application forms to Governors/Head/Bursar (as appropriate) for review. Completed equal opportunity forms are not issued to members of the selection panel.

Invite to interview letter must include:

Request to bring the following information to interview: confirmation of right to work in UK, proof of identity and original qualification certificates (if required). Candidates invited to interview are asked whether they have any special requirements we need to take account of to enable them to attend interview (from a disability perspective).

Details of process for that day (including timings for the day).

Confirmation that referees will be contacted before interview and that any offers will be subject to enhanced DBS disclosure.

(If a Teacher), details of lesson to be taught is provided by Head of Department.

Interviews

Candidates are interviewed against the job description and requirements outlined in the person specification. Any gaps in career history are to be satisfactorily explained. The candidate's views and attitude to child protection will be discussed as part of the selection process.

At least one person on the interview panel will have successfully completed the "Safer Recruitment in Education" course.

References

Two references will be requested for each candidate – one of those from the candidate's last employer and if the candidate has not recently worked with children, the last employer where the candidate has worked with children. The School has a standard reference questionnaire which asks for details of the candidate's suitability to work with children along with any disciplinary record.

Ideally these should be received before the interview but if not they must be received before the successful candidate can commence employment with the School. The School requests references directly from the referee and never accepts open references. Upon receipt of reference letters, the referee is contacted to confirm they signed the reference.

Post recruitment Processes

Interview notes will be taken during interviews. All notes relating to each candidate and completed application forms must be returned to the HR Manager for safe storage.

Offer to successful candidate

The successful candidate will be contacted by telephone and an offer letter will be confirmed in writing. The offer pack will include:

- The job title
- Salary and expected start date, taking account of the candidate's notice period,
- The job description for the role

- Confirmation that offer is subject to receipt of satisfactory references (if not yet received), enhanced DBS clearance, medical fitness via completed medical questionnaire and that offer will be subject to a probationary period
- Details of forms of ID for processing DBS application.
- Child Protection policy and Section 1 of Keeping children safe in education guidelines
- Medical questionnaire

Upon receipt of the above forms and on conclusion of the pre-employment checks, a contract of employment is sent out to the candidate. The new starter forms will also be included in this pack (bank details, emergency contact details forms).

A recruitment checklist is completed once an offer is made (copy attached). The Single Central Register will be completed with details of all pre-employment checks and they are transferred across to the Current Staff worksheet once pre-employment checks have been completed and their start date is agreed.

Unsuccessful interview candidates will be either telephoned or written to.

Induction

Senior School Teachers

All new Senior School Teachers are sent an induction booklet together with details of buddy allocation, their timetable, duty allocation and they attend an induction meeting with the Deputy Head and HR Manager Buff calendar

On the first day of employment, the candidate will meet the HR Manager to finalise any outstanding paperwork.

Junior School Teachers

The responsibility of the induction of new Junior School teachers is the responsibility of the Head and Deputy Head of the Junior School and there is a comprehensive induction booklet for new Junior School teaching staff.

Non-Teaching staff

All non-teaching staff meet with the HR Manager in the first instance to go through key policies and /HR matters before handing across to the line manager for role related aspects of the induction process.

Nursery staff

The induction of nursery staff is the responsibility of the Nursery Manager with support from the HR Manager as required.

Supply and Agency staff

The School will only work with external agencies who commit to carrying out the following activities:

- Request an enhanced DBS clearance for all employees working for the School in any capacity and for any duration.
- Request and receive two satisfactory references as per the School's referencing policy as outlined above.
- Provide a statement to the School that they have satisfactorily completed these checks.

The School will also send agency supply candidates:

- School's Child Protection policy and Section 1 of Keeping children safe in education,
- Emergency contact form
- Senior staff – the supply staff induction document

The School will also check their identity on their first day via either sight of their original passport, photo driving license or full birth certificate plus recent utility bill or financial statement sent to home address.

New Starter Checklist

Name		Start Date	
Job Title		Nationality	

Completed application form/CV received and checked		Has candidate received Job Spec	
Offer pack sent out		Acceptance received	
Medical questionnaire back and checked		Overseas checks required?	
Contract out		Contract back	

DBS

DBS submitted		Number/Date:	
DBS Seen		Date seen	
Barred list check required?		Date:	

Teachers only

Prohibition check – copy printout for file		Date:	
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Child Protection

Child Protection policy sent with Part 1 of Keeping children safe in education		Signed and returned	
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References written to		Date	
Ref 1 returned & verified		Date verified and initials of verifier?	
Ref 2 returned & verified		Date verified and initials of verifier?	
Induction organised		Email set up organised	
Logged on ISAMS		Forms sent to payroll with either P45 or P46 and salary details	
Probationary period diarised and logged?		(if teacher), inform Timetabler?	

Other checks

How has identify been checked? List these and copy for applicant's file		Right to work in UK checked. Copy of documentation copied for file	
Qualifications checked if required? Copy certificate(s) for file		Log on Single Central Register	

Notes

Date checks completed /initials