

## Application process and Privacy notice

Thank you for your interest in working for Transform Trust.

We are Multi Academy Trust with over 6700 children in 19 Primary Schools covering Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Derby and Derbyshire. Joining us, you will be part of an ambitious and innovative organisation. We promote the autonomy and local nature of each of our schools. We are an enabling organisation rather than a directive one.

We believe education has the power to transform lives and communities. Our Vision is to provide high quality education and deliver the best outcomes for children.

We are partners in East Midlands Maths Hub, Derby Research School, Inspiring Leaders and Challenge Partners.

We can offer you:

- Unrivalled opportunities for professional development through our schools and Transform Teaching School Alliance
- Trust support networks
- Staff benefits such as 24/7/365 employee welfare support; tax saving salary sacrifice schemes; a staff benefits scheme that offers a host of benefits and discounts
- Annual staff survey to allow you to provide us with feedback on what it's like to work for us
- Annual children's/staff awards which celebrates the successes and achievements of our children and staff

For more information about us please watch the Transform film at [www.transformtrust.co.uk](http://www.transformtrust.co.uk)

### How to apply

You must have the right to work in the UK to apply for any of our roles. For certain roles such as Teachers you will need to hold the required qualifications to be considered.

Please complete an electronic application form, which can be found on our website

<http://www.transformtrust.co.uk/vacancies/> ensuring that you complete all the required sections of the form and that all employment and education history is provided.

You will be selected for interview entirely on the contents of your application form, so please read the Job Description and Person Specification carefully before you complete your form. Please ensure that your supporting statement provides concise and specific examples to demonstrate your achievements and skills addressing the specific criteria as set out. For those candidates who are invited to interview, this information will be explored further.

### Equality and Diversity

Transform Trust is a Disability Confident Committed Employer and we aim to ensure that our recruitment processes are inclusive and accessible. We are committed to offering an interview to

disabled people who meet the essential criteria as detailed in the person specification for the advertised role.

The Equality Act 2010 protects people with disabilities from unlawful discrimination. To meet the Act's definition, a person must have a physical or mental impairment, which has substantial long-term effects on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. If we know you have a disability, we will adjust the working arrangement and/or the working environment, provided it is reasonable in the circumstances to do so. To be protected by the Act an individual must therefore have:

- A long term physical or mental impairment (lasting or likely to last for 12 months or more); and
- A condition that has a substantial adverse impact on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

We aim to have a workforce that represents the communities we serve and welcome applications from all sections of the community. We are committed to ensuring that "every voice counts" within our Trust, removing possible barriers and enabling opportunity for all. You are invited to complete the Equality and Diversity Monitoring section of the application form. The information you provide will be treated as confidential, does not form part of the recruitment process and will be detached from your application for the shortlisting process.

### **Next steps**

All applications will be considered against the person specification relevant for the role. We will aim to contact shortlisted candidates within 10 working days of the closing date. Communication will be by post, email, telephone or text. If you do not wish to be contacted by any one of these media, please contact the school office.

**All school roles are classed as regulated activity and as such, it is an offence to apply for this role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.**

**Transform Trust and its schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This appointment is subject to safer recruitment procedures, including satisfactory references, medical, Enhanced DBS with children's barred list clearance and completion of safeguarding children in education training.**

## Transform Trust Recruitment Privacy Notice

As part of your application to join Transform Trust or a Trust member school, we will gather and use information relating to you. Information that we hold in relation to individuals is known as their "personal data". This will include data that we obtain from you directly and data about you that we obtain from other people and organisations. We might also need to continue to hold your personal data for a period of time after the recruitment process, even if you are unsuccessful. Anything that we do with an individual's personal data is known as "processing".

This document sets out what personal data we will gather and hold about individuals who apply for a position with us, why we process that data, who we share this information with, and your rights in relation to your personal data processed by us.

### **What information do we process during your application process?**

We may collect, hold, share and otherwise use the following information about you during your application process.

Up to, and including, shortlisting stage:

- Your name and contact details (i.e. address, home and mobile phone numbers, email address);
- Details of your qualifications, training, experience, duties, employment history (including job titles, salary, relevant dates and working hours), details of driving licence (if relevant for role), membership of professional bodies and interests;
- Your racial or ethnic origin, sex and sexual orientation, religious or similar beliefs (which you can withhold if you wish and does not form any part of the recruitment process);
- Details of your referees;
- Whether you are related to any member of our workforce; and
- Details of any support or assistance you may need to assist you at the interview because of a disability.

Under GDPR the lawful bases we rely on for processing the above information is under Article 6(a), (b), (c) and (e) and for special data under Article 9 (a), (b) and (f).

### **Following shortlisting stage, and prior to making a final decision**

- Information about your previous academic and/or employment history, including details of any conduct, grievance or performance issues, appraisals, time and attendance, from references obtained about you from previous employers and/or education providers;\*
- Confirmation of your academic and professional qualifications (including seeing a copy of certificates);\*
- Information regarding your criminal record (which should only be given under confidential cover);\*

- Information via the DBS process which may be regarding your criminal record, stated in criminal records certificates (CRCs) and enhanced criminal records certificates (ECRCs), as well as whether you are barred from working in regulated activity;\*
- Your nationality and immigration status and information from related documents, such as your passport or other identification and immigration information;\*
- Medical check to indicate fitness to work;\*
- A copy of your UK Passport (or other appropriate right to work documentation as listed on the Home Office list);\*
- If you are a teacher, we will check the National College of Teaching and Leadership ("NCTL") Teachers' Services about your qualified teaching status, whether you are subject to a prohibition from teaching order and any other relevant checks (for example Section 128 direction for management posts). If you have taught abroad we will require letter of professional standing from the professional regulating authority in the country you taught;\*
- If you have lived abroad in the last 10 years we will require sight of an original overseas check (such as a police clearance or certificate of good conduct) from all countries you have lived in;\*and
- Equal opportunities' monitoring data.

You are required (by law or in order to enter into your contract of employment) to provide the categories of information marked (\*) above to us to enable us to verify your right to work and suitability for the position. Without providing us with this information, or if the information is not satisfactory, then we will not be able to proceed with any offer of employment.

If you are employed by Transform Trust, including in one of our schools, some of the information we collect will be included on our Single Central Record. In this scenario, a further privacy notice in relation to data we collect, process, hold and share about you during your time with us, will be issued to you.

#### **Where do we get information from about during your application process?**

Depending on the position that you have applied for, we may collect this information from you, your referees (which will be provided directly by you), your education provider, any relevant professional body, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), NCTL and the Home Office, during the recruitment process.

#### **Why do we use this information?**

We will process your personal data during your application process for the purpose of complying with our legal obligations, carrying out tasks that are in the public interest, and taking the required steps with a view to entering into an employment contract with you.

This includes:

- To assess your suitability for the role you are applying for;

- To follow protocols before engaging in a contract with you;
- To check that you are eligible to work in the United Kingdom and/or that you are not prohibited from teaching; and
- So that we are able to monitor applications for posts in Transform Trust to ensure that we are fulfilling our obligations under the public sector equality duty as part of the Equality Act 2010.

#### **How long will we hold information in relation to your application?**

We will hold information relating to your application only for as long as necessary. If you are successful, then the duration will depend on the type of information that has been gathered. For further detail please see our Data Protection and Access to Personnel Records Policies.

If you are unsuccessful we will hold your personal data only for six months, after which time it is securely deleted.

#### **Who will we share information with about your application?**

We will not share information gathered during your application process with third parties, other than professional advisors such as legal and/or HR professionals.

#### **Rights in relation to your personal data**

All individuals have the right to request access to personal data that we hold about them. To make a request for access to their personal data, individuals should contact:

Jill Wilkinson, Transform Trust Data Protection Officer if employed centrally by the Trust: [dataprotection@transformtrust.co.uk](mailto:dataprotection@transformtrust.co.uk); or, if employed in one of our schools, the Headteacher who is the Data Controller for their school.

Please also refer to our Data Protection Policy for further details on making requests for access to personal data.

Individuals also have the right, in certain circumstances, to:

- Object to the processing of their personal data;
- Have inaccurate or incomplete personal data about them rectified;
- Restrict processing of their personal data;
- Object to the making of decisions about them taken by automated means;
- Have your data transferred to another organisation; and
- Make a complaint for damage caused by a breach of their data protection rights.

If an individual wants to exercise any of these rights, then they should contact Jill Wilkinson on the contact details above. The law does not oblige the Trust and our schools to comply with all requests. If the Trust and/or school does not intend to comply with the request, then the individual will be notified of the reasons why in writing.

## **Concerns**

If an individual has any concerns about how we are using their personal data then we ask that they contact our Data Controller (Rachel Hannon) in the first instance, however an individual can contact the Information Commissioner's Office should they consider this to be necessary, at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

## **Covid-19**

As a response to the Covid-19 pandemic, recruitment processes have had to become virtually managed. As a result, data may be reviewed and sent electronically rather than in person and in paper format. Identification may need to be verified virtually and via email instead of being confirmed in person. We will ensure any sharing of data electronically is encrypted and protected.

The same data will be required as before the pandemic however, this is only done to verify identify and to ensure safer recruitment and safeguarding requirements are met. We will always follow statutory guidance. In addition, retention of documentation even when sent electronically, will be subject to the same timescales and scrutiny as previously.

Interviews although conducted virtually will never be recorded.

## **Contact**

If you would like to discuss anything in this privacy notice, please contact Jill Wilkinson, or Rachel Hannon (HR Director for Transform Trust; [rachel.hannon@transformtrust.co.uk](mailto:rachel.hannon@transformtrust.co.uk)).