



School Policies

Child Protection

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We have a designated senior member of the leadership team who is responsible for referring and monitoring any suspected case of abuse. All members of staff will receive training in line with our child protection policy.

Whistle Blowing

We recognise that children cannot be expected to raise concerns in an environment where staff fail to do so. Therefore, our policy is to ensure that all staff are made aware of their duty to raise concerns about any inappropriate attitude or actions of colleagues.

Code of Conduct and Personal Behaviour

The school believes that it is essential for standards of conduct at work to be maintained to ensure delivery of quality services and also to protect the wellbeing of all its employees and pupils. The head teacher and governing body regard everyone working at our school as a role model to our pupils. As such employees should conduct themselves with integrity, impartiality and honesty. Furthermore, everyone in the school has an absolute duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children. Registered teachers are in addition bound by the codes and professional values of the Teaching Agency. While registered teachers are bound by the code, the school considers the principles to apply to all staff employed at the school.

Equal Opportunities

We are committed to promoting best practice in our efforts to eliminate discrimination and to create a working and learning environment where all are treated fairly and with respect.

We take action to ensure that nobody is treated less favourably than anyone else because of their protected characteristics which include age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

Full details of all these policies are available in school

A Note on Childcare Disqualification Requirements

In addition to undertaking checks to ensure that members of staff are suitable to work with children, schools are also specifically required to establish that members of staff are not disqualified from working with children who have not yet reached the age of 8 in order to comply with the Childcare Act 2006 and the Childcare (Disqualification) Regulations 2009. All staff responsible for the provision or management of such childcare (including teaching) are therefore required to declare that they are not disqualified from undertaking such work upon appointment.

A disqualified person is not permitted to provide or manage care for children under age 8 unless they apply for, and are granted, a waiver from Ofsted. In summary, a person may be disqualified through:

- Inclusion on the Children's Barred List;
- Being cautioned for, or convicted of, certain violent and sexual criminal offences against children and adults;
- Grounds relating to the care of children (including where an order is made in respect of a child under the person's care);
- Having registration refused or cancelled in relation to childcare or children's homes or being disqualified from private fostering;
- Living in the same household where another person who is disqualified lives or works (referred to as disqualification 'by association').

Disqualification also applies to equivalent offences committed overseas. The Regulations do not automatically apply to all posts in a school or to settings where there is no provision for children under 8. You will therefore be informed if the Regulations are relevant to the post you are applying for.

Should you need to, you can find out more about disqualification in the Department for Education's guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disqualification-under-the-childcare-act-2006>

