



Job Application Pack

Trust Executive Assistant

Temporary until 31st August 2025, 37 hours per week, All Year Round

Salary: Grade 9, Points 24 – 28

£33,024 - £36,648

Welcome from the CEO



Archway Learning Trust is a vibrant learning community where students are cared for, receive a high quality education and experience every opportunity to be successful.

School years are amongst the most important in our lives, helping us to develop the knowledge, skills and characteristics we need to succeed. At Archway Learning Trust, we are committed to giving every child the very best start that we can. We offer outstanding teaching and learning and exceptional personal support in an inclusive, faith based environment. I became a teacher because I believe in equal opportunities for everyone.

I also believe that every child has the right to an excellent education. Learning is at the heart of any good society and the opportunity to learn from teachers who are committed, enthusiastic and innovative is a right that all children should have.

Our mission is to help children to understand and believe in themselves, respect and care for others and to develop a wide understanding of faith, the world around them and their place within it. The determination of our youngsters to succeed, and the passion of our teachers to make a difference, makes me proud to be Chief Executive Officer of this diverse and dynamic family of Trust's.

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About the Trust

Archway Learning Trust, previously Bluecoat Academies Trust was formed in April 2014 as a result of the very long and successful history of Bluecoat Academy.

The Trust comprises of Bluecoat Aspley Academy, Bluecoat Sixth Form, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy, Bluecoat Beechdale Academy, Bluecoat Primary Academy, Bluecoat Bentinck Primary Academy, The Nottingham Emmanuel School and Sixth Form, The Long Eaton School, Lees Brook Academy, Alvaston Moor Academy, Bluecoat Trent Academy and the Bluecoat SCITT Alliance (School Centred Initial Teacher Training).

Our aim as a Trust is to shine a spotlight nationally and internationally on our inclusive ethos so that more schools and academies can be encouraged to take up our approach to inclusive, enriching, knowledge based teaching, preparing young people for lifelong learning based firmly on our Christian principles.

The growth of the Trust is a truly exciting time for prospective candidates who are looking to further their careers in a dynamic learning community that has opportunity at every point to share and learn from each other in order to become the best that we can be.

We are proud of our diverse student population and passionate to create a staff team reflective of this diversity. We actively welcome applications from all backgrounds and you can be assured of a warm welcome at Archway.

Our Schools

Bluecoat Aspley Academy

Bluecoat Academy Aspley is the largest school in the Trust and was the founder of Archway Learning Trust (previously known as Bluecoat Academies Trust). The Academy is both distinctively Christian and inclusive with all students being part of a large, diverse and multi-ethnic family that we are very proud to be a part of. Bluecoat Aspley Academy is a School of Sanctuary, welcoming students and families from all backgrounds.



Bluecoat Aspley
believe in yourself, in others, in God

Bluecoat Wollaton Academy

Bluecoat Wollaton Academy has 800 learners and is both distinctively Christian and inclusive, with a relentless ambition to enable every member of our Academy 'family' to be the best they can be. Bluecoat Wollaton was graded as 'Outstanding' in all categories in its Ofsted inspection in 2018. The school's outcomes place it consistently in the top 10% in the country and it was also awarded the highly coveted World Class Schools Quality Mark, which is awarded to the top schools in the country.



Bluecoat Wollaton
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Bluecoat Beechdale Academy

Bluecoat Beechdale Academy is a growing school, with over 800 students on roll. The numbers have increased each year since our sponsorship began and we are delighted with the growing confidence that local families are expressing by making Beechdale their first choice school in increasing numbers. Bluecoat Beechdale Academy is not formally designated as a Church of England Academy, but shares the ethos and many of the Archway values.



Bluecoat Beechdale
Academy
Believe, Belong, Achieve

Bluecoat Primary Academy

Bluecoat Primary Academy opened in January 2015. The primary school is located near our Bluecoat Beechdale Academy in a brand new state of the art building on Harvey Road and is home to 420 primary aged children, 26 Nursery pupils and a small focus provision for children with ASD. Like Bluecoat Aspley and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy is both distinctively Christian and inclusive.



Bluecoat Primary
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The Nottingham Emmanuel School

The Nottingham Emmanuel School is a Church of England secondary and Sixth Form, with 1,000 students, including over 140 in the Sixth Form. The £25 million site is located near the banks of the River Trent in West Bridgford. The School is a diverse community, serving families and students from every academic, social, faith and ethnic background. Emmanuel has been praised nationally for its outstanding work as an effective, inclusive Church school.



Bluecoat SCITT

Based at Bluecoat Aspley Academy, the Bluecoat SCITT offers school based Teacher training in a range of schools and subjects. As an accredited provider of school based teacher training, we are committed to training outstanding teachers to work within the East Midlands region. Our comprehensive one year School Direct Training Programme is offered for both Primary and Secondary trainees, as well as a salaried option in certain subjects.



Bluecoat SCITT Alliance
Nottingham

Bluecoat Trent Academy

The Bluecoat Trent Academy opened its doors in September 2021 with the founding cohort of Year 7 pupils. BTA is an 11-16, non-faith school. The new build for the academy will be built on the former site of Clarendon College, on the edge of Forest Fields, close to Mapperley Park. Whilst the new academy is being constructed BTA will, for the first two years, be based in its own building on the site of Bluecoat Aspley Academy on Aspley Lane. The school will be underpinned by the ethos of all the Archway academies whilst establishing its own unique vision and values.



Bluecoat Bentinck Primary Academy

Bluecoat Bentick Primary Academy officially joined of Archway Learning Trust in September 2023, becoming our second primary academy. The school has a proud and rich history of serving the children and community of Nottingham since 1880; we are delighted to be part of its next chapter! Bluecoat Bentinck is a popular, diverse and multi-cultural Academy in the heart of Nottingham City. The Academy’s vision of ‘Together We Make a Difference’ underpins our commitment to work together to achieve our common purpose of transforming lives of the children we serve. Staff at Bentinck are committed to supporting and teaching the diverse cohort of learners, creating the conditions to enable all children to thrive in their education. Bentinck is a happy, calm and welcoming place to be where children are kind, respectful and are proud to represent Bluecoat Bentinck.



Bluecoat Bentinck Primary Academy

Lees Brook Academy

Lees Brook Academy based in Derby has 1,120 students and is a school that puts its students at the heart of everything it does. The school’s motto ‘Lead, Believe, Create, Succeed’ was chosen by its students and is at the core of everything that the school does. Lees Brook is passionate about its extra-curricular provision in particular the thriving Duke of Edinburgh scheme. Lees Brook is a school that cares for the people within it.



Lees Brook Academy

Alvaston Moor Academy

Our Academy vision is at the heart of everything we do, ‘Ambition, Manners and Achievement’. We also recognise the importance of positive relationships, equality and respect. Situated in the heart of the City of Derby, it serves a diverse local community and serves families from many different backgrounds. The curriculum offered is broad and specifically designed to engage and challenge its students.



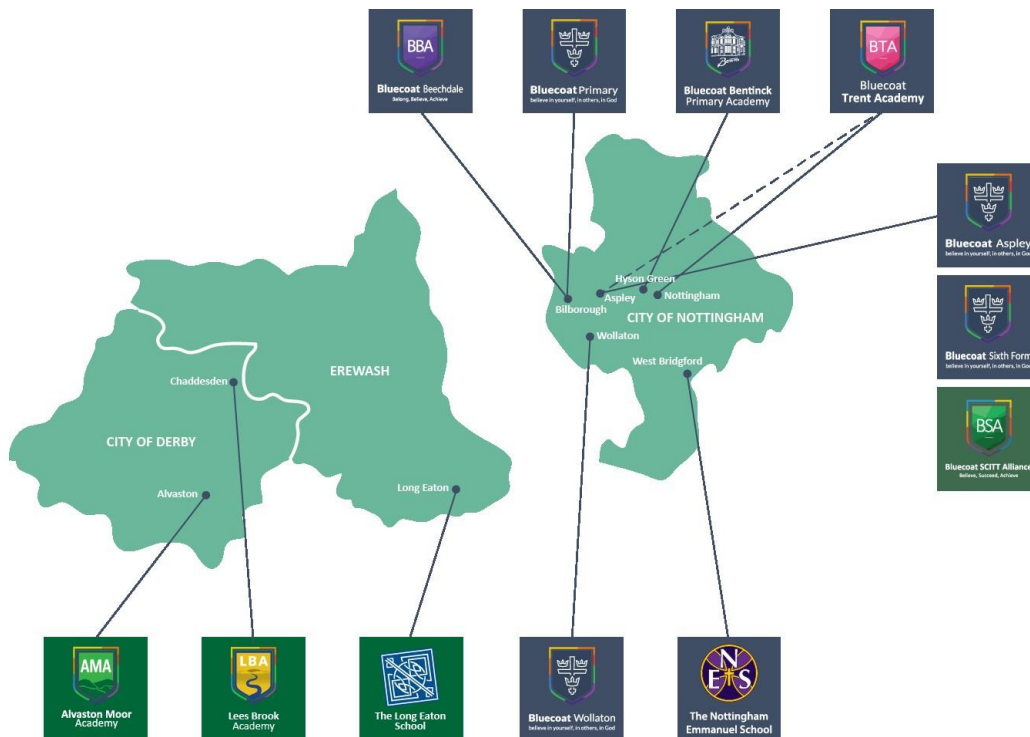
Alvaston Moor Academy

The Long Eaton School

The Long Eaton School with 1,078 students is built on a long tradition of academic success, dating back to 1910. The school has gained an excellent reputation for the quality of its educational provision and its developments in Literacy and Numeracy have earned the school the prestigious Quality Mark and our approaches have been shared nationally as a model of good practice.



School Locations



Welcome from the MAT Team

Stuart Anderson – Deputy CEO (DCEO)



Stuart joined Archway in 2015 and has worked in a number of senior roles for the Trust including Principal, Executive Headteacher and Regional Director prior to becoming DCEO. He has direct responsibility for a number of schools in the Trust but also in the strategic leadership of standards, quality enhancement and delivering the Trust's strategic vision. As Principal, Stuart led Bluecoat Wollaton to attain exceptionally highly. The school secured an 'Outstanding' Ofsted grade in 2018 in its first inspection, officially became a 'World Class' School in 2020 and was recognised as 'Excellent' in its SIAMS Church Inspection in 2021.

Michelle Walshe – Chief Corporate Services Officer (CCSO)

Michelle is our Chief Corporate Services Officer with responsibility for all aspects of our Governance and corporate compliance. She also oversees marketing and communications, academy services and is the Trust's DPO. Michelle has over 20 years' experience in the education sector and has previously led and managed the admissions and appeals activity across the Trust as well as deliver process improvement and effective people management of large teams.

Nathan Jeremiah – Chief Operations Officer (COO)

Nathan has over thirteen years' experience in the education sector, having worked in a variety of management and leadership roles and brings significant sector experience to the Trust drawn from his work with the Department for Education and consultancy support with trusts nationally. Nathan's leadership of operational matters at Archway focusses on efficient and effective IT, Estates, Health & Safety, Cleaning, Catering PFI, Capital Development and Major Projects services across our family of academies.

Stuart Bird – Chief Finance Officer (CFO)

Stuart joined our Trust in October 2022 and has spent the last ten years in senior finance director positions across the NHS where he says the challenges are "remarkably similar" to education. Stuart has also worked in finance and operational directorship roles for a number of successful businesses in the private sector, including financial services, nursing and residential care. He is a Chartered Accountant and is well versed in building and delivering a strong finance team that provides an excellent service to the organisation it supports.

Dave Taylor – Director of Education

As Director of Education, Dave is responsible for the Quality of Education, Continuous Professional Learning (CPL) and the Quality Assurance of Teaching and Learning. Dave leads the Central Education Team and the Implementation Group, which comprises local VPs and APs for Teaching and Learning. Dave's main educational passion is to ensure children improve their reading and he is the main architect of the Trust's driving improvement priority 'Every child in an Archway school will become a fluent reader'.

Chief People Officer - Sarah Goodwin

Sitting on our Executive Leadership Team, Sarah is heading up our HR team to provide an effective service across the entire organisation. Sarah brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with her, with her most recent position being Deputy Chief People Officer and Associate Director of Organisation Development for the Government of Jersey.

Ben Dobbs - Director of Technology and Insights

Ben has a passion for the use of the technology and data to drive change both in the classroom and in the wider organisation. Having started as a maths teacher at Emmanuel, he moved through senior leadership before leading our trust wide data function and most recently combining that with technology. Ben's extensive experience in both education and technology uniquely positions him to bridge the gap between pedagogical practices and technological advancements. His vision and expertise drive the implementation of cutting-edge solutions that enhance educational outcomes and operational efficiency.

The Vacancy

Are you ready to make a real impact in a dynamic, fast-paced environment? Archway Learning Trust is looking for a driven, enthusiastic, and dynamic individual to join our team as a Trust Executive Assistant. This is not just a job; it's an opportunity to be part of an organisation dedicated to working together to transform lives. At Archway Learning Trust, our mission is to collaborate and transform lives through education. Schools are vibrant and ever-evolving places to work, where no two days are the same. We believe in the power of passion, drive, agility and the ability to reprioritise quickly to meet the diverse needs of the communities we serve.

The Trust Executive Assistant is an exciting new opportunity within our Trust; one which will have the autonomy to create and embed strong working relationships with a variety of internal and external stakeholders, inclusive of the executive leadership and corporate services team. You will be required to provide high quality administrative support, which will include and not be limited to the management of diaries, the coordination and recording of meetings and ensuring effective communication both within and outside of the Trust. The successful candidate will be experienced in effectively managing simultaneous deadlines and be able to use their own initiative whilst always maintaining the highest level of confidentiality.

The ideal candidate will be highly organised with excellent administrative skills, be an excellent communicator with strong management and interpersonal abilities and, capable of maintaining composure in a bustling educational setting. We would like to make candidates aware, that some of these meetings will be outside of core school hours, so candidates will need to be flexible with their working patterns.

Candidates should pay attention to the job description/person specification and explain within their application how they meet the criteria, whilst also describing what they will bring to the post from their own knowledge and experience.

The role will be based at Bluecoat Aspley Academy, but the post holder may at any time be required to support or work at any of the sites within Archway Learning Trust. In addition we are open to discussions around the flexibility of some hybrid working, upon a successful on-boarding period.

Applications

For more information about Archway Learning Trust and the vacancy, please visit www.archwaytrust.co.uk/vacancies. To apply for the role click apply which will take you to the application form for the post. We would encourage you to refer to the job description and person specification, demonstrating your suitability for the role.

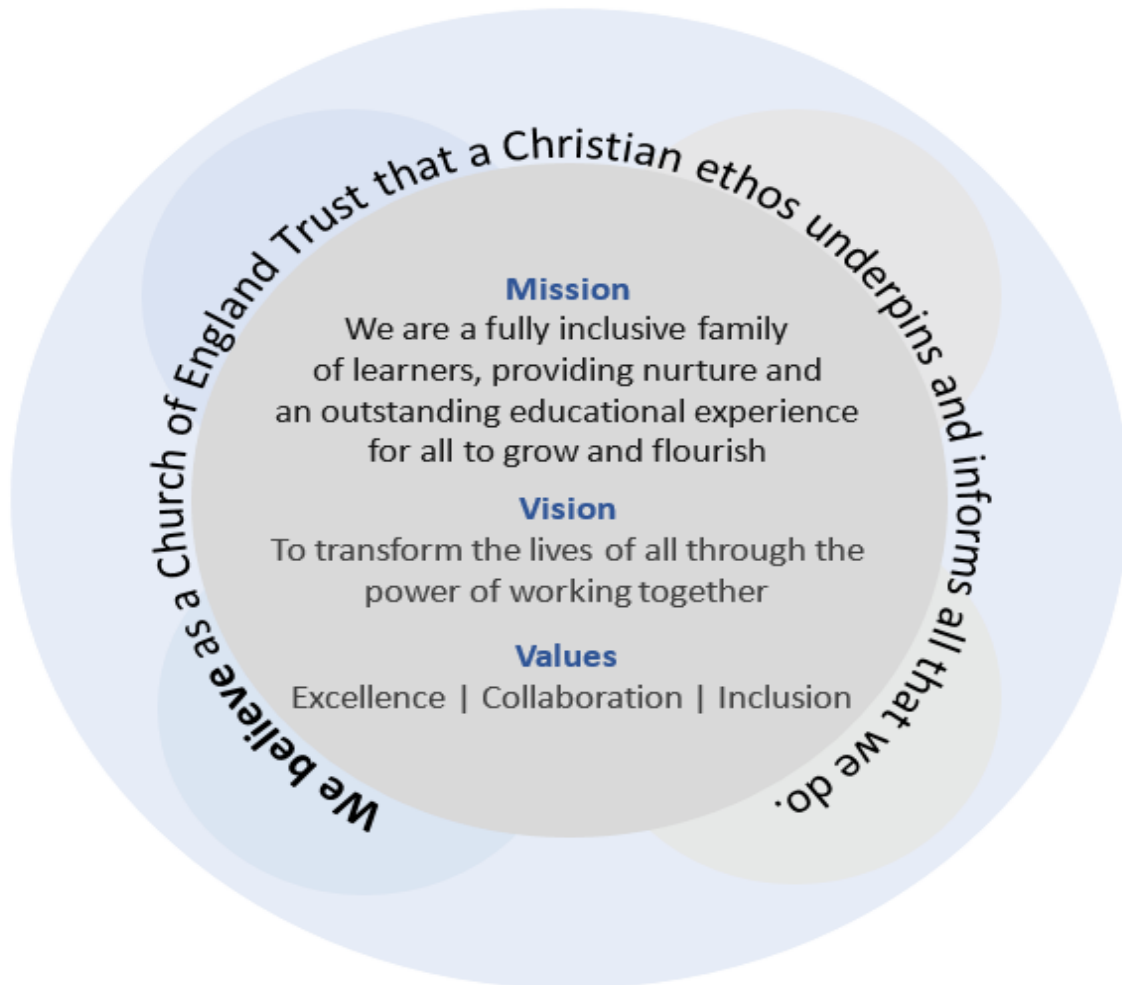
Closing Date: 9am, Monday 22nd July 2024

Interview Date: Thursday 25th July 2024

Due to the number of applications we receive, it is with regret that we cannot respond to every application, if you do not hear from us within two weeks of the closing date, please assume that on this occasion your application has unfortunately not been successful.

Trust Ethos, Mission, Vision and Values

The Trust believes in the transformational power of education for each individual and that this is enhanced through collaborative working between the academies.



Working Together, Transforming Lives

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Archway Learning Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are therefore expected to behave in such a way that supports this commitment. Appointment to this post will be subject to the following satisfactory pre-employment checks:

- Health
- Identity
- Relevant work qualifications
- Right to work in the UK
- Barred List Check (previously List 99)
- Disclosure & Barring Service Check (for all staff and volunteers)
- References
- Childcare Disqualification Declaration Check (relevant Primary School posts only)
- Online Searches

Job Description

POST TITLE: Trust Executive Assistant

GRADE: 9

RESPONSIBLE TO: Trust Administration Manager

JOB PURPOSE

We are seeking to appoint a caring, energetic, highly organised and proactive Trust Executive Assistant to provide high quality administrative support. In this role you will support the Executive Leadership Team in all aspects of their work; this requires high levels of attention to detail, the ability to manage multiple deadlines simultaneously and respond accordingly to a change in priorities. You will use your own initiative, when appropriate, seek advice when necessary, and maintain the strictest level of confidentiality at all times.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Support the overall Christian ethos of the Trust.
2. Be aware of and comply with Trust policies and procedures including but not exhaustive of:
 - Acceptable Use of IT Policy
 - Code of Conduct
 - Extremism & Radicalisation Policy
 - Health, Safety and Security Policy & Guidance
 - Keeping Children Safe in Education (Part 1) Guidance
 - Safeguarding Policy and Training Slides
 - Whistleblowing Policy
 - IT Pack including Acceptable Use Statement
 - Health, Wellbeing and Benefits Policy
 - Finance Policy
3. Be aware of and support difference and ensure equal opportunities for all.
4. Contribute to the overall aims of the Trust and Academy Improvement Plans
5. To develop and implement own professional development and skills
6. To behave in a manner that is professional, friendly, fair with students and colleagues demonstrating and role modelling politeness and respectfulness
7. To demonstrate an excellent record of attendance and punctuality.
8. Work cooperatively as part of the Trust wide staff team
9. Undertaking any other duties which may reasonably be regarded as within the nature of the duties and responsibilities/grade of the post as defined.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- To maintain the upmost confidentiality and discretion in relation to all meetings, correspondence and sensitive information, ensuring adequate security for such data at all times.
- Implement effective administrative processes that will embed a smooth and efficient support, which will continue to build and maintain effective and positive relationships, both internally and externally.
- Oversee the effective management of diaries and incoming/outgoing correspondence, serving as an informed 'gatekeeper', monitoring for and addressing opportunities and challenges that arise in a proactive manner.
- Provide an effective clerking service, including preparing meeting agendas, circulating papers and actions.
- Providing governance to support stabilising processes and practices, to serve all parties.
- Act as a point of contact for the Trust, understanding the central services and key stakeholders to sign post and support with queries received.

- Organise meetings on behalf of the Executive Team including making necessary travel and venue arrangements
- To be part of the central business functions and play a key role in collaborating between Academies.
- Proactively find solutions to issues that may arise, deal with queries and advise on policies and procedures in a broad range of administrative areas which are often not of a routine nature
- Undertake research and obtain information as needed to support decision making
- Be responsible for various processes and practices, including but limited to the recruitment, pre appointment, on boarding and maintaining of the Single Central Register and personnel files, ensuring compliance with legislation and Trust procedures.
- Lead the planning, coordinating, and implementing of various types of events, internally and externally to achieve the specific objectives to create memorable experiences.
- Engage with executive leaders, to support various projects and initiatives.
- Act as First Aider providing First Aid support.
- Act as a Fire Warden as part of the evacuation procedure.
- Any other duties as necessary within the position.

STAFF CONDUCT

- All employees are expected to familiarise themselves and follow the Trust vision and ethos during their working lives with Archway Learning Trust.
- We are professional people and expect professional conduct (behaviour and language) based on mutual respect, good manners, politeness, and common courtesies for all members of our community. We expect that at all times employees behave in a manner that role models positive behaviours for our students to follow.
- Physical violence, verbal abuse and swearing are unacceptable and not tolerated.
- Employees are expected to maintain a professional relationship with students.
- Staff will be fully supported by the Trust at all times in carrying out the behaviour policy.
- The Trust expect staff to wear professional business dress mirroring our high expectations of our student dress code.
- Some functions within the Trust are required to wear uniform that will be supplied by the Trust.

Job Specification – Trust Executive Assistant	Essential	Desirable
Education and Training		
Previous experience of working in a PA, Executive Assistant or other high level secretarial position.	*	
NVQ 3 or equivalent qualification or experience in Business Administration or other relevant discipline.	*	
Take responsibility for own professional development and be willing to partake in further in-service or external staff development and training.	*	
Possess or must be willing to train for the First Aid at Work or Emergency First Aid at Work qualification approved by the HSE as requested.	*	
Knowledge and Experience		
Confident in being able to advise appointing managers, including senior managers, on recruitment practices and priorities	*	
Experience of diary management	*	
Experience of managing a diverse workload, switching between tasks and concepts quickly and easily	*	

Experience of working consistently to a fine level of detail and accuracy, whilst managing competing deadlines and thinking creatively	*	
Experience of liaising with a diverse range of stakeholders at various levels	*	
Strong organisational, planning and administrative skills	*	
Experience in event management	*	
Professional Skills		
An organised and systematic approach to planning work with an appreciation of the importance of effective and accurate record keeping	*	
The ability to recognise and appreciate the confidential nature of work undertaken for Senior Leaders.	*	
Excellent interpersonal skills with both adults and children.	*	
Excellent IT skills inc. Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Office 365	*	
Knowledge of GDPR and data retention requirements.	*	
Personal Qualities		
Excellent customer service, negotiation and diplomacy skills.	*	
Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal to enable and promote effective relationships	*	
Be energised by working towards targets and changes	*	
Ability to work under extreme pressure and to tight deadlines.	*	
Commitment to Equal Opportunities	*	
Suitability to work with children		
Awareness of safeguarding requirements and good practice within an educational setting	*	
Knowledge of child protection and safeguarding policies and Safer Recruitment requirements	*	