Application form for a teaching post



East Sussex County Council is committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults, and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Please read the attached guidance notes for applicants before you complete your application.

The information requested in this form is important in assessing your application. Please complete this form in full. Unless stated otherwise, CVs are not acceptable. Please ensure that you save this document before sending, otherwise all data may be lost

Job details			
Post applied for:			
School / Establishment:			
Subjects (if to specialise):			
If the post is full-time, wo consider working on a job-		☐ Yes	☐ No
If appointed, when can yo start?	u		
Personal details			
Title:			
First name:			
Family Name / Surname:			
Maiden or previous name(s):		
Home address:			
Correspondence address (if different from above):			
Email address:			
Daytime telephone numbe	r:		
Home telephone number:			
Mobile telephone number:			
Teacher's Reference number:			

Education & C (NB: Shortlisted interview)	Qualifications candidates will be required to prod	uced qualification	n certificates at
GCSE or equivale	ent	Pass marks	Dates
'A' OR AS level		Pass marks	Dates
Higher Education	1		
University:		Date:	
Degree in:		Award:	
Subject (s) studi	ed	Pass marks	Dates

Additional Education & Qualifications - Initial Teacher Training				
University / College / Designat Recommending Body (DRB):	ed			
Qualification gained:		Dat	e:	
Date Qualified Teacher Status obtained:				
Have you passed the QTS skill t	ests?	es 🗌 No		
Have you completed the statut induction period for Newly Qua Teachers (NQTs)/Early Career (ECTs)? If you consider yourself to be e	lified Feachers xempt	es 🗌 No		
from statutory induction, pleas your reason.	e state			
If you have not yet completed statutory induction period, ples indicate which assessment perioutstanding. Please note you verquired to share with the sele panel copies of your assessment completed by the time of your interview.	ase ods are vill be ction			
Age range(s) for which trained to teach:				
Principal Subject:				
Subsidiary subject(s):				
Further Qualifications & Further Training (Including one year and one term courses and any recent short courses (e.g., NPQH Senior Leadership, NPQSL, Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL) etc.)				
University, Subjects College or Organising Body	& Course Title	Qualifications Obtained	Length of courses & Dates	
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Current or most recent teaching post					
· ·	Name, Address and website of school / establishment				
Name of Local A	authority:				
Name of Academapplicable):	ny Trust (if				
Type of school:		☐ Girls ☐ ined ☐ Acader	Mixed my ☐ Independent ly, as appropriate)		
Number on roll:					
Telephone no:					
Position title:					
Subjects taken:					
Date appointed:					
Working hours:	☐ Full-tim	e 🗌 Part-time	e (please specify hours p	er week)	
Pay Scale:	Pay Scale: Unqualified Main Upper Leading Practitioner Leadership				
Spinal Column P	oint:				
Additional allow specify type and	,				
Are you still em	ployed by this	establishment?	☐ Yes	☐ No	
Date and reason	for leaving (if	applicable)			
Previous Teac (Please give the	•		e post is / was part-tim	e)	
Name of School & Authority	Type of Scho & Number o Roll		Period of service From To (exact dates)	Reason for leaving	

Non-teaching employment experience							
Employer	Position	From / To	Reason for leaving				
Other History							
(Please ensure that you provide a complete chronological history by listing below any periods not covered above in your employment history, e.g., travel, unemployment, sabbatical, carer responsibilities etc.)							

Reason

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Right to Work in the UK				
All shortlisted candidates will be required to evid at interview stage.	ence their right to work in the UK			
Are there any restrictions to your residence right to take up employment in the UK? (If your residence of the total of the UK?) If you will be a superior of the there are the total of the				
If you are successful in your application, would you rup employment? Yes No	equire a work permit prior to taking			
Other employment				
In order to ensure compliance with the Working Time Regulations and the relevant pensions legislation, you must tell us about any other employment you hold that you intend to continue with should you be appointed. We also need to know which, if any, pension scheme you are an active member of in respect of these posts.				
Job title, hours per week and employer	Active pension scheme membership			
e.g., Teacher, 0.5FTE, Kent County Council	Teachers Pension Scheme			
Pension				
Are you in receipt of a pension awarded through the teachers' ill health retirement arrangement?	☐ Yes ☐ No			
If 'YES', give details below: (including the date pen	sion arrangements took effect)			
(Please note that if you were awarded an ill-health pension on or after 01 April 1997, you are not eligible for future employment as a teacher)				
Safety and Welfare of children				
Have you ever been the subject of any allegations in relation to the safety and welfare of children, either substantiated or unsubstantiated?				
If you have answered 'YES' to the above question, y separate sheet of paper, place it in a sealed enveloit to your application form.				
I have attached details as requested.	☐ Yes ☐ No			
Disciplinary Record				

Are you (or have you ever be teaching post for alleged mi incompetence or resigned in allegations?	☐ Yes	☐ No	
If 'YES', please give details:			
Have you ever received a fir misconduct or incompetence received a lesser warning we expired at the point of making	e, or have you hich has not time	☐ Yes	☐ No
If 'YES', please give details:			
Have you ever been barred from working with children?		☐ Yes	☐ No
If 'YES', please give details:			

Shortlisting self-declaration from - criminal records and other safeguarding information

All posts involving direct contact with children are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

The amendments to the Exception Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected'. These are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be considered. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found the Disclosure and Barring Service website: <u>Disclosure and Barring Service - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

You are asked to provide details of all unspent convictions and spent convictions and cautions that would not be filtered at the point of application by completing a self-disclosure declaration.

Your self-disclosure declaration form is included with this application pack. <u>Please do not complete this form and include with your application.</u>

You will be required to complete and send this declaration form to the school **only** if you are short listed for interview. Your disclosure form will only be viewed by the recruiting manager.

See the guidance notes for applicants for further information.

Relevant Experience & Other Information

The information you provide in this section is important in assessing your application. Please use the space (and/or additional A4 sheets, if necessary) to state your reasons for applying for the post, relating your skills, experience and personal qualities to the requirements of the job (please refer to the person specification for the post).

You should include details of the following, where they are relevant to the requirements of the post: present and previous teaching posts or teaching practices if you are newly qualified, other paid or unpaid employment or any other activities outside the workplace.

Leisure Interests		

Referees

Teaching vacancies:

Name, address (including the post code if known) and status/position of two persons to whom reference may be made who can comment on your teaching and/or organisational ability. The first reference must be your present or most recent employer.

The second reference must be a previous recent employer unless you have had no previous employment, in which case, a character reference will be needed or a reference from a school, higher educational establishment or an initial teacher training provider at which you most recently carried out teaching experience. If you are not currently working with children, you should provide details of the employer where you last worked with children.

If you are a trainee teacher, please provide the name and address of your course tutor from your teacher training college. References will not be accepted from relatives or from people writing solely in the capacity of friends.

School leadership vacancies:

For your application for any of the following vacancies, please see below the requirements for your referees:

- Executive headteacher or headteacher irrespective of your current teaching/school leadership role please provide the name, role, and contact details of the chair of governors of your current or most recent school and the Director of Children's Services (CSD) or Multi Academy Trust (MAT) Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- Head of school irrespective of your current teaching/leadership role please provide the name, role, and contact details of your executive headteacher/headteacher of your current or most recent school.
- **Deputy headteacher** irrespective of your current teaching/leadership role please provide the name, role, and contact details of your executive headteacher/headteacher of your current or most recent school.
- Assistant headteacher irrespective of your current teaching/leadership role
 please provide the name, role, and contact details of your executive
 headteacher/headteacher of your current or most recent school.

Voluntary Aided or Controlled Schools - Church of England (CE)

If a third reference is required for Voluntary Aided (VA) or Voluntary Controlled (VC) school the letter from the chair of governors or school will state this. Candidates for VA schools: Should give the name and address of the Parish Priest, Vicar, Minister or Pastor as appropriate. The governing board for the recruiting school will take up church references.

References will be taken up if you are short listed in advance of the selection process. In view of the nature of the post no offer of employment can be made without these. If, for any reason, you feel unable to give your present or most recent employer as a referee, or cannot consent to referees being contacted prior to interview, please send a covering letter explaining why.

In the event we seek references prior to a provisional job offer being made, we will not seek information relating to sickness absence or medical history.

If you do not wish for us to contact your referees or previous employers <u>prior to interview</u>, please indicate below, giving your reason why:

1) Present/most recent employer/	1) Present/most recent employer/chair of governors/MAT CEO					
Name:						
Address:						
Occupation:						
Telephone no.						
Email address:						
2) Previous employer/chair of gove	ernors/Director of	Children's	s Services/MAT CEO			
Name:						
Address:						
Occupation:						
Telephone no.						
Email address:						

3) Course tutor (trainee teachers	only)			
Name:				
Address:				
Occupation:				
Telephone no.				
Email address:				
4) Church of England Schools - Volu	intary Aided or Co	ntrolled Sc	hools	
Name:				
Address:				
Occupation:				
Telephone no.				
Email address:				
We may also seek references at any point in the recruitment process and from any previous employers listed in the 'Previous Employment' section of this form. If your previous employment includes working for the County Council, we may seek an additional reference from your former line manager.				
Canvassing				
You are required to declare any relationships with Senior Officers or Members of the County Council as canvassing, whether direct or indirect, will invalidate your application. (Please note Senior Officers are defined as Chief Officers or Deputy Chief Officers).				
Are you related to any County Counexisting employees, or Senior Office Council?	•] Yes	☐ No
If 'YES', please give details (stating department and job title)				

Declaration	Declaration					
Members or Office Authority reserve	I declare that the information given is true and understand that (a) canvassing of Members or Officers directly or indirectly will invalidate this application, and (b) the Authority reserves the right to seek verification from me of the factual basis for any information provided.					
appointed and I	impediment to tak accept that the dis been made may lo	scovery of any le	egal	imped	iment after an	
Signature:				Date:		
Print name:						
If form has been completed electronically, please place an 'x' in this box to indicate your consent regarding the processing of information.						
Data Protection						
East Sussex County Council will only process the information you have provided in this form for the purpose of recruitment and selection and, if you are successful in securing this position, for purposes relating to your employment.						
Your details will be kept both electronically and in hard copy. We will not disclose this information about you to outside organisations or third parties unless there is a legal requirement to do so, or for the prevention and detection of fraud.						
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Guidance Notes for Applicants

Application Form

It is imperative that the application form is completed in full and signed. Please follow the instruction to use black ink or typescript as your form will very likely be photocopied. If you are submitting your application form electronically, you will be asked to sign the form should you be invited to interview.

When submitting your application, it is important that you relate your skills, experience, and abilities against the person specification, identifying against each criterion, examples of your expertise. The shortlisting panel cannot guess or make assumptions. Please make sure you complete the application form that was sent to you with the application pack as this will be the most up to date version.

Please do not attach a previously prepared CV as an alternative. It is important that we are able to compare candidates' experience by drawing on the same range of information. Statements in support of an application will often need to be longer than the space provided on the form, and these should be attached to the application on a separate sheet. Please refer to the information contained within the recruitment pack for the length and presentation of your personal statement.

Letter of Application

In addition to the application form, we ask that you write a covering letter briefly describing the extent to which your experience has prepared you for the post for which you have applied.

The selection panel will look to see how well you have focused your application on the needs of the school in addition to relating your skills and knowledge to the person specification with supporting evidence which demonstrates how you meet the range of criteria.

Referees

We take up references on shortlisted candidates. Please give your current or most recent employer as one of your referees.

We ask that you do not include photocopies of open testimonials. We will always write to your current or previous employer for a professional judgement of your suitability for the post. If you have been employed in your present school for less than five years, the governing body may wish to seek further supporting information from your previous employer(s).

Qualifications

Please bring documentary evidence of your Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and other relevant qualifications (excluding GCSE, "O" and "A" levels) to your interview. The selection panel will ask to see the original certificate, and copies will be taken for your application. If you have achieved the National Professional Qualification for

Headteachers (NPQH) or any other professional qualifications e.g., National Qualification for School Leaders (NPQSL), National Qualification for Middle Leaders (NPQML), please bring copies of these qualifications to the interview for checking.

Criminal Convictions - Why we need you to declare your criminal convictions and other related information.

Working within a school is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and this role is eligible for an enhanced DBS check and access to the barred list.

We therefore ask you to complete the **Shortlisting - employment self-declaration and disclosure form** as fully as possible and bring it with you to the interview. A copy of the form is enclosed as part of the application pack, or will be sent to you if you are invited to attend an interview.

The only people who will see the information will be those directly involved in the recruitment process. All information will be handled in accordance with the Criminal Records Code of Practice. At interview, or in a separate discussion, we will ensure that an open and measured discussion takes place about any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position.

If you are successful at interview, we will require an Enhanced Certificate of Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) as part of the pre-employment checks.

Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working with us. This will depend on the nature of the post you have applied for and the relevance and circumstances of your offences, as set out in our Criminal Records Code of Practice. We also comply with the Disclosure & Barring Service's Code of Practice, which is available on their website at <u>DBS code of practice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

We ensure that anyone making appointment decisions has the necessary information and support to assess the relevance and circumstances of any offences.

All information will be treated as confidential and managed in accordance with relevant data protection legislation and guidance.

The post applied for is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and therefore applicants are required to declare:

- All unspent convictions and conditional cautions
- All spent convictions and adult cautions that are not protected (i.e., that are not filtered out) as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2020).

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.

<u>Guidance on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the Exceptions Order 1975 -</u> GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The filtering rules were updated on 28th November 2020 as follows:

- Warnings, reprimands and youth cautions will no longer be automatically disclosed on a DBS certificate.
- The multiple conviction rule has been removed, meaning that if an individual has more than one conviction, regardless of offence type or time passed, each conviction will be considered against the remaining rules individually, rather than all being automatically disclosed.

The information disclosed on this form will not be kept with your application form during the application process.

Further information on filtering can be found at Nacro <u>Criminal Record Support Service |</u> Nacro

There is a <u>list of offences</u> that will always be disclosed on a Standard or Enhanced DBS certificate (unless they relate to a youth caution). These are known as 'specified offences' and are usually of a serious violent or sexual nature or are relevant for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

<u>List of offences that will never be filtered from a DBS certificate - GOV.UK</u> (www.gov.uk)

Medical Information and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Disclosure

Prior to appointment, you will need to complete a health statement which will be assessed by one of the County Council's Occupational Health Team.

East Sussex County Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All staff will be expected to hold or be willing to obtain an enhanced DBS disclosure issued with this Authority as the employer.

This disclosure will need to be approved by the County Council before we can fully confirm your appointment. Please note that having a criminal record does not automatically mean that an offer of appointment will be withdrawn.

Childcare (Disqualification) and Childcare (Early Years Provision Free of Charge) (Extended Entitlement) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations")

The post of Headteacher is directly concerned with the management of early or later years provision; therefore, the post is covered by the 2018 Regulations.

The school will need to ensure that they are not knowingly employing a person who is disqualified under the 2018 Regulations in connection with relevant childcare provision. Accordingly, the successful candidate will be required to demonstrate to the school, by completing a self-declaration form as part of the pre-employment checks process, that they have not been disqualified under the 2018 Regulations.

If the preferred candidate is found to be disqualified under the 2018 Regulations, the offer of employment will be subject to the application by the preferred candidate to Ofsted for a waiver and the receipt of a waiver from Ofsted.

Other teaching and leadership posts may also be subject to these Regulations.

Eligibility to Work in the UK

It is a criminal offence to employ persons whose immigration status prevents them from working in this country.

You will be required to provide evidence, prior to appointment, contained within passports, Identity Cards for Foreign Nationals or other documents on the approved UK Visas and Immigration list to satisfy the County Council that you have the right to work in the UK.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in working with East Sussex County Council and wish you every success in the future.

Note to Candidates:

If you have not heard from the school/establishment within 4 weeks of the closing date, you should normally assume that on this occasion you have not been selected for interview.

CONFIDENTIAL: Equal Opportunities in Employment - Monitoring Form

This section will be removed for monitoring purposes before the selection process begins and will not affect the consideration of your application.

Everyone is unique owing to differences in age, gender, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, ability etc. The County Council aims to treat these differences positively, recognising that diversity creates a strong, flexible, and creative workforce. The County Council's Equality of Opportunity in Employment Policy states that all applicants are to be treated fairly, and selection for appointment is to be based solely on a person's ability to do the job.

The County Council has a statutory duty to collect the information you provide on this form, and it will assist us in ensuring fairness of treatment in appointment decisions, as statistical monitoring will show whether minority groups are being treated equitably.

This information will not affect the consideration of your application.

Job applied for			
Job No. or Ref (i	f applicable)		
How did you learr	n of this vacancy?		
Surname and initi	als		
Age Gender		Date of Birth	
Gender	M _ / F _		

Ethnic Origin

This is the origin of your family rather than your nationality. For example, you could be British, and your ethnic (family) origins could be any of the ones listed opposite, or a combination of them, or something more specific.

Please identify your ethnic origin either by putting an 'x' in ONE of the boxes below or by giving your own description in the space provided.

a. White	c. Black or Black British
British	Caribbean
Irish	African
Gypsy/Roma	Any other Black background
Traveller of Irish Heritage	
Any other White background	d. Asian or Asian British
	Caribbean
b. Mixed	African
White and Black Caribbean	Any other Black background
White and Black African	
White and Asian	e. Other ethnic groups
Any other mixed background	Chinese
_	Any other ethnic group
	Prefer not to say

Disability Guidance

The Council is a Disability Confident employer. If you have a disability, this lets you know that:

- we will make reasonable adjustments to make sure you are considered for the job on an equal basis with other applicants.
- If the manager is satisfied your application shows you meet all the essential criteria, you will normally automatically be shortlisted for interview. However, in line with the National Disability Confident scheme, if there is a high number of suitable applications for a vacancy and its therefore not possible to interview all applicants, we will select those disabled candidates who best meet the essential criteria for a role. It may also be necessary to limit the overall number of disabled and non-disabled candidates interviewed for a vacancy.

The Equality Act 2010 says that a person is disabled if they have a mental or physical impairment or long term health condition which has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

If you consider yourself to be disabled, please let us know. We would appreciate advice on any assistance you may require or reasonable adjustments we might arrange to enable you to attend or participate in the interview, in compliance with the Equality Act 2010.

Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act? (select as applicable)	Yes 🗌 / No 🗍
If YES, please describe your disability.	
If you need any assistance to attend or participate in the interview, please give details.	

Military status

Where an applicant is a current or former member of the Armed Forces (including reserve forces) and they meet the essential criteria of the post, they are automatically shortlisted for interview.

Are you a current or former member of the Armed Forces (including reserve forces)?	Yes 🗌 / No 🗌
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If Reserve, please identify your military status by putting an 'x' in the relevant box below:

Army Reserve	
Regular Reserve	

Looked After Children

Where an applicant is or has been a Looked After Child in the care of East Sussex County Council, and meet the essential criteria of the post, they are automatically shortlisted for interview.

Are you currently or have you previously been a Looked After Child of East Sussex County Council?	Yes 🗌 / No 🗍
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Religion

Please identify your religion by putting an 'x' in ONE of the boxes below.

Christian	
Buddhist	
Hindu	
Jewish	
Muslim	
Sikh	
Other religion	
No religion	
Prefer not to say	

Sexual Orientation

Please identify your sexual orientation by putting an 'x' in ONE of the boxes below.

Bisexual	
Gay man	
Gay woman / lesbian	
Heterosexual / straight	
Other	
Prefer not to say	

Gender Identity

Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

Employees with caring and parental responsibilities

We value the contribution of carers, and we understand the additional pressures carers face in managing their work and caring responsibilities at the same time.

Are you a carer?

We consider a carer to be anyone who spends a significant proportion of their time providing unpaid support to family or friends. This could be caring for a partner, relative or friend who is ill, frail, disabled, or has mental health or substance misuse problems.

Examples of caring activities

A lot of people with caring responsibilities don't identify themselves as being a carer. We consider you to be a carer if you provide:

 personal care such as help with bathing, washing, dressing, going to the toilet and administering medicines

- physical care such as help getting out of bed, walking, eating, and feeding, getting out
 of the house and/or in the community and with shopping
- administrative support such as help with finances and filling in forms
- emotional support and company including listening, prompting, encouraging, and raising confidence.

According to the definition of a 'carer' given above, do you have caring responsibilities for an adult?

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

Are you a parent/carer?

The term parent/carer means any person with parental responsibility for a child or young person with special educational needs or disability. It is an inclusive term and covers for instance foster carers, adoptive parents and other family members.

According to the definition of a 'parent carer' given above, do you have caring responsibilities for a disabled child under the age of 18 years?

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

Are you a parent?

We define a parent as:

- a mother, father, adopter, guardian, special guardian, foster parent or private foster carer of the child or a person who has been granted a residence order in respect of a child, or
- a person married to, or the civil partner of the child's mother, father, adopter, guardian, special guardian, foster parent or private foster carer of the child or person who has been granted a residence order in respect of a child.

Are you a parent of a child or children under the age of 17 years?

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

Data Protection

East Sussex County Council will only process the information you have provided in this form for the purpose of recruitment and selection and, if you are successful in securing this position, for purposes relating to your employment.

Your details will be kept both electronically and in hard copy. We will not disclose this information about you to outside organisations or third parties unless there is a legal requirement to do so, or for the prevention and detection of fraud.

For further information, see our privacy notice for job applicants at https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/privacy/job-applicants-and-employees/"