



Recruitment of Ex-offenders

This policy will be made available to all Disclosure applicants at the outset of the recruitment process. As an organisation using the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to assess applicant's suitability for positions of trust, Pippins Pre-school and Nursery complies fully with the DBS Code of Practice and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly. It undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a Disclosure on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed.

Pippins Pre-school and Nursery is committed to the fair treatment of its staff, potential staff or users of its services, regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, responsibilities for dependants, age, physical/mental disability or offending background.

A DBS check is only requested after a thorough risk assessment has indicated that one is both proportionate and relevant to the position concerned. For those positions where a DBS check is required, all application forms, job adverts and recruitment briefs will contain a statement that a DBS check will be requested in the event of the individual being offered the position.

Where a DBS is to form part of the recruitment process, we encourage all applicants called for interview to provide details of their criminal record at an early stage in the application process. We request that this information is sent under separate, confidential cover, to the designated person, and we guarantee that this information will only be seen by those who need to see it as part of the recruitment process. We also ask for details of employment history including any gaps in employment.

Unless the nature of the position allows Pippins Pre-school and nursery to ask questions about your entire criminal record, we only ask about unspent convictions as defined in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

We ensure that all those in Pippins Pre-school and Nursery who are involved in the recruitment process are suitably trained to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of offences. We also ensure that they have received appropriate guidance and training in the relevant legislation relating to the employment of ex-offenders e.g. the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act.

At interview or in a separate discussion, we ensure that an open and measured discussion takes place on the subject of any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position. Failure to reveal information that is directly relevant to the position sought could lead to withdrawal of an offer of employment.

We make every subject of a DBS aware of the existence of the DBS Code of Practice and make a copy available on request. We undertake to discuss any matter revealed in a Disclosure with the person seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.

Having a criminal record will not necessarily bar you from working with us. This will depend on the nature of the position and the circumstances and background of your offences.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Pippins Pre-school and Nursery

Held on Thursday 19th October 2023

Signed on behalf of the Management Trustee Directors

Chair

Role of signatory (e.g. chairman etc.)

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