



MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

RECRUITMENT OF EX-OFFENDERS POLICY

Title of Policy	Recruitment of Ex-Offenders
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Additional information	This should be read in conjunction with https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-filtering-guidance Updated January 2021 – Following leaving the European Union policy updated to refer to UK GDPR Updated November 2025 – updated statement re how data is processed.

- As an organisation assessing applicants' suitability for positions which are included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order using criminal record checks processed through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), Murray Park School (or 'the school') complies fully with the DBS [code of practice](#) and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly.
- Murray Park School undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a criminal record check on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed.
- Murray Park School can only ask an individual to provide details of convictions and cautions that the school are legally entitled to know about. Where a DBS certificate at either standard or enhanced level can legally be requested (where the position is one that is included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 as amended, and where appropriate Police Act Regulations as amended).
- Murray Park School can only ask an individual about convictions and cautions that are not protected.
- Murray Park School 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.
- Murray Park School has a written policy on the recruitment of ex-offenders, which is made available to all DBS applicants at the start of the recruitment process.
- Murray Park School actively promotes equality of opportunity for all with the right mix of talent, skills and potential and welcome applications from a wide range of candidates, including those with criminal records.
- Murray Park School select all candidates for interview based on their skills, qualifications and experience.
- An application for a criminal record check is only submitted to DBS after a thorough risk assessment has indicated that one is both proportionate and relevant to the position concerned. For those positions where a criminal record check is identified as necessary, all application forms, job adverts and recruitment briefs will contain a statement that an application for a DBS certificate will be submitted in the event of the individual being offered the position.
- Murray Park School ensures that all those in the school who are involved in the recruitment process have been suitably trained to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of offences.
- Murray Park School also ensures 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 1974.
- At interview, or in a separate discussion, the school ensures 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.
- Murray Park School makes every subject of a criminal record check submitted to DBS aware of the existence of the [code of practice](#) and makes a copy available on request.
- Murray Park School undertakes to discuss any matter revealed on a DBS certificate with the individual seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.

- Further information to the guidance and criteria of old and minor cautions and convictions can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-filtering-guidance> which are now 'protected' so not subject to disclosure to employers.
- Data will be processed to be in line with our requirements and protections set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation, Data Protection Act as amended by the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025.