

# **Candidate Identification Procedure 2023-24**

Whickham School

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### Key staff involved in the procedure

Role	Name
Head of Centre	F Turnbull
Senior leader(s)	P Wheatley, S Maher, S Tumelty, L Wood, D Crosland, M Phillipson
Exams officer	C Crabtree
Other staff (if applicable)	Heads of Year, achievement coordinators, invigilators

This procedure is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that procedures to verify the identity of all candidates that are entered for examinations or assessments at Whickham School are managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this procedure to GR and ICE refer to the JCQ publications **General Regulations for Approved Centres** and **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

## **Purpose of the procedure**

The purpose of this procedure is to confirm that Whickham School:

- verifies the identity of all students that it enters for examinations or assessments (GR 5.6)
- has processes in place to be satisfied that that all candidate identities have been checked (GR 5.6)
- has written procedures in place to verify the identity of all candidates at the time of the examination or assessment (GR 5.9)

## **1. Process to check candidate identity**

### **Internal candidates**

The identity of students on roll at Whickham School is checked as part of the initial registration process. (GR 5.6)

The process is:

The head of year or achievement coordinator check that each candidate is in their allocated seat before or shortly after the start of the examination. Invigilators are also supplied with photographs of all the candidates to help with identification during the examination.

### **Private candidates**

The identity of students (private candidates), not on roll at a centre but who may be accepted to take examinations, must be checked by a verification process which involves photo-ID. (GR 5.6)

At Whickham School:

Our policy is not to accept private candidates.

## **2. Procedures to verify candidate identity at the time of the examination/assessment**

Invigilators are able to establish the identity of all candidates sitting examinations by following the arrangements in place to carry out adequate checks. (ICE 16.1)

The arrangements at Whickham School are:

the use of desk cards, a senior member of centre staff (approved by the head of centre, who has not taught the subject being examined) will be present at the start of the examination to assist with the identification of candidates.

The following measures are also in place:

- A transferred candidate who is not known to the centre will be asked to show photographic documentary evidence to prove that they are the same person who was entered for the examination e.g. passport or photographic driving licence (ICE 16.2).
- Where it is impossible to identify a candidate due to the wearing of religious clothing, such as a veil, the candidate will be approached by a member of staff of the same gender and taken to a private room where they will be politely asked to remove the religious clothing for identification purposes (ICE 16.3)
- Invigilators will be informed of those candidates with access arrangements and made aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.4)

## **3. Roles and Responsibilities**

### **The role of the exams office/officer**

- Through training, ensure invigilators are aware of the procedures for verifying the identity of all candidates

at the time of the examination or assessment (ICE 16.1)

- Prior to the examination, inform a transferred candidate who is not known to the centre that they must show photographic documentary evidence to prove that they are the same person who was entered for the examination, e.g. passport or photographic driving licence (ICE 16.2).
- Inform candidates prior to their first examination that where it is impossible to identify a candidate due to the wearing of religious clothing, such as a veil, the candidate will be approached by a member of staff of the same gender and taken to a private room where they will be politely asked to remove the religious clothing for identification purposes and that once identification has been established, the candidate should replace, for example, their veil and proceed as normal to sit the examination (ICE 16.3)
- Prior to the beginning of the examination, brief invigilators on those candidates with access arrangements and make them aware of the access arrangement(s) awarded (ICE 16.4)

Additional responsibilities:

**Changes 2023/2024**

No changes applicable

**Centre-specific changes**