



# UNITED CHURCH SCHOOLS TRUST/ UNITED LEARNING TRUST

## GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

The application form, as opposed to a curriculum vitae (CV), is used to ensure that information is presented in a standardised format and that only the details that we require are provided. This ensures that all applicants are treated fairly and equally.

As the information contained on the form is used during the selection process, it is essential that you complete all sections as fully as possible. If there is not enough space provided on the form, please continue on a separate sheet of paper rather than attaching a CV. On each additional sheet that you use, please write your name and the post applied for, together with the section that you are answering.

- Please complete this form in black or blue ink or typescript as parts of it may be photocopied.
- If any section does not apply to you, please write N/A.

The following notes are intended to assist you with the completion of the application form:

### **Personal Details**

In completing this section, please do not provide your first name. Only your initials are requested on the application form to ensure that your gender is not available to the selection panel prior to interview.

Your forename is requested on the Applicant Monitoring Form which will not be passed to the selection panel.

### **Current Employment**

This section requests the details of your current employment. You should:

- Provide a brief description of the duties and responsibilities held during this employment.
- Include any duties that you consider to be of particular relevance to the position for which you are applying.
- Provide the name and address of your present employer.
- Provide details of your current salary or rate of pay.
- Indicate how much notice you are required to give to your current employer.
- If you are not currently employed, please mark the section N/A.

## **Employment History**

- Provide details of all previous employment, including that of a voluntary nature. The information should be provided in date order, starting with the most recent and working back.
- Include the dates of employment, a brief summary of your responsibilities in the role, your final salary and reason for leaving.
- Please do not include details of your current employment in this section.

## **Education**

Provide details of the secondary school(s) that you attended and include details of any examinations taken, results obtained, scholarships and other distinctions awarded.

## **Further Education**

- Provide details of the college(s) or university(ies) that you attended and include details of any examinations taken, results obtained, scholarships and other distinctions awarded.
- Please attach photocopies of documentary evidence of your qualifications.

## **Professional and Vocational Qualifications**

- Provide details of technical, professional and occupational training.
- Provide details of relevant training, apprenticeships, articles, evening, full-time day or day release courses, correspondence courses or company courses.
- Please attach photocopies of documentary evidence of your training or qualifications.

## **Personal Statement**

Use this section to provide relevant information about yourself and how you meet the criteria detailed in the person specification for the role.

## **Referees**

- Please provide the details of two people who may be approached for a reference.
- If you are employed, one referee must be connected to your current employer, ie your line manager.
- Where you have previously worked with children but are not currently doing so, please provide reference details in respect of the last employer for whom you worked with children.
- If you are a college or school leaver, please give details of a teacher or tutor.
- A suitable second referee would be a previous employer, business associate or leader/organiser of a voluntary organisation.
- Personal referees, such as friends, family or those with whom you have any other significant relationship, are not suitable.

Please note that references may be sought prior to interview.

### **Personal Relationships**

Please provide the name and position of any relative, friend or acquaintance employed or associated with United Church Schools Trust/United Learning Trust.

### **Declaration**

Please ensure that you read this statement and that you sign and date the application.

### **Applicant Monitoring Form**

Please complete this form to facilitate applicant monitoring. This form will be removed from your application form as soon as we receive it and will not be used as part of the selection process.

### **Confidential Disclosure**

By virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975, Section 4(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act does not apply to this application as the post involves substantial opportunity of access to children. This means that you may not withhold information about previous convictions, cautions, reprimands bind-overs or warnings on the grounds that it is otherwise 'spent'.

All criminal convictions must be declared. Failure to do so may result in your application being disqualified or, if discovered after appointment, may be regarded as grounds for dismissal.

If you wish, you may submit information in a sealed envelope, marked for the confidential attention of the Head Teacher/Principal of the School/Academy to which you are applying.