



# The New Beacon

Brittains Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 2PB

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# APPLICATION FORM

Completed applications should be returned to the Headmaster's PA:

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Kent TN13 2PB

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The closing date for applications is:

**Position applied for:**

**Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other):**

**Surname:**

**First Name(s) in Full :**

(please underline the name by which you like to be known)

**Former Surname(s)** (eg maiden name or any previous change of name(s))

**National Insurance Number:**

**Confirm right to work in the UK:**

Yes / Visa needed

**Current Address** (including full post code):

**E-mail:**

**Do you have a current  
Driving Licence:**

Yes / No

**Telephone Numbers:**

Daytime:

Evening:

Mobile:

**Previous Addresses** (if resident at current address for less than five years please provide any previous addresses, including dates, during this period.)

**Have you applied for a job at The New Beacon before? If yes, what position and when:**

**EDUCATION**

Please list in chronological order all secondary schools, further education and higher education institutions attended, together with academic examinations and/or vocational qualification taken and grades/degree obtained.

<b>Dates – from/to Month-Year</b>	<b>School/College/University</b>	<b>Academic Examination / Vocational Qualification</b>	<b>Grade/Degree</b>

Details of any additional relevant qualifications and training for this post:

**CAREER HISTORY**

**(to be completed in chronological order)**

Please list below a full career history, starting with current post, to include all positions since leaving full-time education (both full time and part-time) with start and end dates, month and year. Provide, where appropriate, explanations for periods' not in employment and **in each case** reasons for leaving employment.

**Current Post**

Post:	Date Started:
Employer:	
Current/Last salary (including position on State Scale if appropriate):	
Job Description:	
Reason for Leaving/Notice Period:	

**Previous Posts**

<b>Name &amp; Address of Employer / Other</b>	<b>Start and Finish Dates (month &amp; year)</b>	<b>Job Title and General Description of Duties</b>	<b>Reason for Leaving</b>

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

Please provide a statement as to why you are applying for this post and detail the attributes you believe you would contribute to the School and the Role, with particular reference to the job description.

**VOLUNTARY WORK**

Please list below a full history in chronological order with start and end dates.

<b>Name &amp; Address of Voluntary Organisation</b>	<b>Start and Finish Dates (month &amp; year)</b>	<b>Job Title and General Description of Duties</b>

**Hobbies and Interests**

Please describe any skills, hobbies or interests you have which might enhance our extra-curricular activities.

**Existing Contacts within the School**

Please indicate whether you know any existing governors or employees of The New Beacon and, if so, how you know them.

**Where did you hear about this position?**

Please indicate which publication / website / word of mouth / other

**REFEREES:**

Please provide two referees. One referee should be your current or most recent employer for applicants working in a school, this must include your current or most recent Head Teacher. Where you are not currently working with children but have done so in the past one referee must be from the employer by whom you were most recently employed in work with children. Referees will be contacted prior to interview unless specifically requested otherwise. **Please note, references will not be accepted from relatives or from referees writing solely in the capacity of friends.**

Name:

Organisation Name (if appropriate):

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Email:

How do you know him/her:

Name:

Organisation Name (if appropriate):

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

Email:

How do you know him/her:



## Data Protection

The information that you provide on this form will be used to process your application for employment. The personal information that you provide will be stored and used in a confidential manner to help with our recruitment process. More details as to how we will process your data is set out in the Data Protection Policy.

If you succeed in your application and take up employment with the School, the information will be used in the administration of your employment.

We may check the information provided by you on this form with third parties

## Declaration

As the job for which you are applying involves substantial opportunity for access to children, it is important that you provide us with legally accurate answers.

Upfront disclosure of a criminal record may not debar you from appointment as we shall consider the nature of the offence, how long ago and at what age it was committed and any other relevant factors. Please submit information in confidence enclosing details in a separate sealed envelope which will be seen and then destroyed by the Headmaster. If you would like to discuss this beforehand, please telephone in confidence to the Headmaster for advice.

Please disclose any unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands or warnings. Please note that the amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are 'protected' and are not subject to disclosure to employers, and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found at the Disclosure and Barring Service website.

[www.gov.uk/dbs](http://www.gov.uk/dbs)

You should be aware that the School will institute its own checks on successful applicants for short listing with the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Failure to declare any convictions (that are not subject to DBS filtering) may disqualify you for appointment or result in summary dismissal if the discrepancy comes to light subsequently.

*Please delete as appropriate:*

- ***I have nothing to declare***
- ***I enclose a confidential statement***

I declare that the information I have given in this Application Form is accurate and true. I understand that providing misleading or false information will disqualify me from appointment or if appointed, may result in my dismissal.

Signed .....

Dated .....

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MONITORING FORM

This section of the form will be detached from your application and will be used solely for monitoring purposes. This form will be kept separately from your application.

The New Beacon School recognises and is committed to ensuring applicants and employees from all sections of the community are treated equally regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, gender reassignment, marital and civil partnership status, or pregnancy and maternity.

We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

You are not obliged to complete this form but it is helpful to the School in maintaining equal opportunities.

All information provided will be treated in confidence.

Please complete the form as you feel is most appropriate for you.

### Position applied for:

\*Please specify

#### White:

- British  Any other white background\*

#### Mixed:

- White and Black Caribbean  White and Black African  White and Asian  
 Any other mixed background\*

#### Black or Black British:

- Caribbean  African  Any other Black background\*

#### Asian or Asian British:

- Indian  Pakistani  Bangladeshi  Any other Asian background\*

**Chinese or other Ethnic Group:**

Chinese

Other Ethnic Group\*

**Gender** Please specify

**Date of Birth**

**Do you consider yourself to have a disability:**

Yes

No

If yes, please state nature of disability:

The Equality Act defines disability as "A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities"

If you wish, you may disclose information about yourself in this section:

Religion

Sexual orientation

**How did you become aware of this vacancy?**

Media:

Date:

Reference:

## **APPLICATION AND RECRUITMENT PROCESS EXPLANATORY NOTE**

### **1. General**

The New Beacon (“the School”) is committed to ensuring the best possible environment for the children and young people in its care. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people is our highest priority.

The School aims to recruit staff that share and understand our commitment and to ensure that no job applicant is treated unfairly by reason of a protected characteristic as defined within the Equality Act 2010.

All queries on the School’s Application Form and recruitment process must be directed to the Headmaster’s P/A.

### **2. Application Form**

Applications will only be accepted from candidates completing the relevant Application Form in full. CVs will not be accepted in substitution for completed Application Forms.

Candidates should be aware that all posts in the School involve some degree of responsibility for safeguarding children, although the extent of that responsibility will vary according to the nature of the post. Applicants will receive a Job Description and Person Specification for the role applied for.

As the job for which you are applying involves substantial opportunity for access to children, it is important that you provide us with legally accurate answers. Upfront disclosure of a criminal record may not debar you from appointment as we shall consider the nature of the offence, how long ago and at what age it was committed and any other relevant factors. Please submit information in confidence enclosing details in a separate sealed envelope which will be seen and then destroyed by the Headmaster as appropriate. If you would like to discuss this beforehand, please telephone in confidence to the Headmaster for advice.

Please disclose any unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands or warnings. Please note that the amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are ‘protected’ and are not subject to disclosure to employers, and cannot be taken into account. Guidance and criteria on the filtering of these cautions and convictions can be found at the Disclosure and Barring Service website.

The successful applicant will be required to complete a Disclosure Form from the Disclosure and Barring Service (“DBS”) for the post. Additionally, successful applicants should be aware that they are required to notify the School immediately if there are any reasons why they should not be working with children.

The Childcare (Disqualification) and Childcare (Early Years Provision Free of Charge) (Extended Entitlement) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 apply to those providing early years childcare or later years childcare, including before school and after school clubs, to children who have not attained the age of 8 AND to those who are directly concerned in the management of that childcare.

The School takes its responsibility to safeguard children very seriously and any staff member and/or successful candidate who is aware of anything that may affect his/her suitability to work with children must notify the School/their manager immediately. This will include notification of any convictions, cautions, court orders, reprimands or warnings he/she may receive.

Staff and/or successful candidates who are disqualified from childcare or registration may apply to Ofsted for a waiver of disqualification. Such individuals may not be employed in the areas from which they are disqualified, or involved in the management of those settings, unless and until such waiver is confirmed. Please speak to the Headmaster for more details.

Failure to declare any convictions (that are not subject to DBS filtering) may disqualify you for appointment or result in summary dismissal if the discrepancy comes to light subsequently.

The School has a legal duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. This is known as the Prevent duty. Schools are required to assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology. Accordingly, as part of the recruitment process, when an offer is made the offer will be subject to a Prevent duty risk assessment.

If you are currently working with children, on either a paid or voluntary basis, your current employer will be asked about disciplinary offences, including disciplinary offences relating to children or young persons (whether the disciplinary sanction is current or time expired), and whether you have been the subject of any child protection allegations or concerns and if so the outcome of any enquiry or disciplinary procedure.

If you are not currently working with children but have done so in the past, that previous employer will be asked about those issues. Where neither your current nor previous employment has involved working with children, your current employer will still be asked about your suitability to work with children. Where you have no previous employment history, we may request character references which may include references from your school or university.

You should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if you have been appointed, and a possible referral to the police and/or DBS.

### 3. Invitation to Interview

Applicants will be short-listed according to the relevance and applicability of their professional attributes and personal qualities to the role. Short-listed applicants will then be invited to attend a formal interview at which his/her relevant skills and experience will be discussed in more detail.

All formal interviews will have a panel of at least two people chaired by the Headmaster or another designated senior member of staff. The Chair of Governors should chair the panel for the Head's appointment. The interviewers involved will be required to state any prior personal relationship or knowledge of any of the candidates and a judgement will be made by the Chair as to whether or not an interviewer should therefore withdraw from the panel. Should the Chair have a conflict of interest, the Vice Chair shall decide whether the Chair should withdraw from the panel.

The interview will be conducted in person and the areas which it will explore will include suitability to work with children.

All candidates invited to interview must bring documents confirming any educational and professional qualifications that are necessary or relevant for the post (e.g. the original or certified copy of certificates, diplomas etc). Where originals or certified copies are not available for the successful candidate, written confirmation of the relevant qualifications must be obtained by you from the awarding body.

All candidates invited to interview must also bring with them:

1. A current driving licence including a photograph and paper counterpart or a passport or a full birth certificate;
2. A utility bill or financial statement issued within the last three months showing the candidate's current name and address;
3. Where appropriate any documentation evidencing a change of name;
4. Where the candidate is not a citizen of a country within the European Economic Area or Switzerland, proof of entitlement to work and reside in the UK.

**Please note that originals of the above are necessary. Photocopies or certified copies are not sufficient.**

Candidates with a disability who are invited to interview should inform the School of any necessary reasonable adjustments or arrangements to assist them in attending the interview.

#### 4. Conditional Offer of Appointment: Pre-Appointment Checks

Any offer to a successful candidate will be conditional upon:

1. Receipt of at least two satisfactory references (if these have not already been received), including for internal appointments. All references should be provided by a senior person with appropriate authority, subject to the satisfaction of the School;
2. Verification of identity and qualifications including, where appropriate, evidence of the right to work in the UK;
3. A satisfactory enhanced DBS check and if appropriate, a check of the Barred List maintained by the DBS;
4. For a candidate to be employed as a teacher, a check that that the candidate is not subject to a prohibition order issued by the Secretary of State;
5. For a candidate who has lived or worked outside the UK a check using the Teaching Regulation Agency employer access system that a candidate is not subject to any teacher sanction or restriction.
6. Verification of professional qualifications;

7. Verification of successful completion of a statutory induction period (for teaching posts – applies to those who obtained QTS after 7 May 1999) where relevant;
8. Where the successful candidate has worked or been resident overseas, such checks and confirmations as the School may consider appropriate so that any relevant events that occurred outside the UK can be considered;
9. Satisfactory medical fitness.
10. Receipt of a signed Staff Suitability Declaration form showing that the candidate is not disqualified from providing childcare as set out in the statutory guidance “Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 (July 2018)”.
11. For a candidate to be employed into a senior management position as set out within the School’s Recruitment, Selection and Disclosures Policy and Procedure, receipt of a signed “senior charity manager positions: automatic disqualification declaration” confirming that the candidate is not disqualified from acting in a senior management position for a charity in accordance with the automatic disqualification rules for charities.
12. If you are undertaking a management role, a check that you have not been prohibited from participating in the management of independent schools.

It is the School's practice that a successful candidate must complete a pre-employment health questionnaire. The information contained in the questionnaire will then be held by the School in strictest confidence and used as set out in the School’s Data Protection Policy. This information will be reviewed against the Job Description and the Person Specification for the particular role, together with details of any other physical or mental requirements of the role i.e. proposed workload, extra-curricular activities, layout of the School.

The School is aware of its duties under the Equality Act 2010. No job offer will be withdrawn without first consulting with the applicant, considering medical evidence and considering reasonable adjustments.

## 5. References

We will seek the references referred to in section 4 above for all shortlisted candidates, including internal candidates and may approach previous employers for information to verify particular experience or qualifications, before interview. If you do not wish us to take up references in advance of the interview, please notify us at the time of submitting your application.

For internal candidates, formal written references may be sought from a senior person with appropriate authority.

All referees will be asked if the candidate is suitable to work with children.

The School will compare any information provided by the referee with that provided by the candidate on the application form. Any inconsistencies will be discussed with the candidate.

## 6. Criminal Records Policy

The School will refer to the Department for Education (“DfE”) document, ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ and any amended version in carrying out the necessary required DBS checks.

The School complies with the provisions of the DBS Code of Practice, a copy of which may be obtained on request or accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-code-of-practice>.

## 7. Retention and Security of Records and Data Protection

The School will comply with its obligations regarding the retention and security of records in accordance with the DBS Code of Practice and its obligations under its Data Protection Policy. Copies of DBS certificates will not be retained for longer than 6 months. Details of how we use candidates’ data is explained in the Recruitment Privacy Notice and Data Protection Policy.



## **POLICY ON THE RECRUITMENT OF EX-OFFENDERS**

The School will not unfairly discriminate against any candidate for employment on the basis of conviction or other details revealed. The School makes appointment decisions on the basis of merit and ability. If an individual has a criminal record this will not automatically bar him/her from employment within the School. Instead, each case will be decided on its merits in accordance with the objective assessment criteria set out below.

All candidates should be aware that provision of false information is an offence and could result in the application being rejected or summary dismissal if they have been appointed, and a possible referral to the police and/or DBS.

Under the relevant legislation, it is unlawful for the School to employ anyone who is included on the lists maintained by the DBS of individuals who are considered unsuitable to work with children. In addition, it will also be unlawful for the School to employ anyone who is the subject of a disqualifying order made on being convicted or charged with the following offences against children: murder, manslaughter, rape, other serious sexual offences, grievous bodily harm or other serious acts of violence. It is also unlawful for the School to knowingly employ someone who works in the relevant settings and is disqualified from providing childcare as set out in the statutory guidance "Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 (July 2018)".

It is a criminal offence for any person who is disqualified from working with children to attempt to apply for a position within the School. The School will report the matter to the Police and/or the DBS if:

- the School receives an application from a disqualified person;
- is provided with false information in, or in support of an applicant's application; or
- the School has serious concerns about an applicant's suitability to work with children

In the event that relevant information (whether in relation to previous convictions or otherwise) is volunteered by an applicant during the recruitment process or obtained through a disclosure check, the School will consider the following factors before reaching a recruitment decision:

- whether the conviction or other matter revealed is relevant to the position in question;
- the seriousness of any offence or other matter revealed;
- the length of time since the offence or other matter occurred;
- whether the applicant has a pattern of offending behaviour or other relevant matters;
- whether the applicant's circumstances have changed since the offending behaviour or other relevant matters;
- in the case of disqualification from providing childcare, whether the applicant has or is able to obtain an Ofsted waiver from disqualification; and
- the circumstances surrounding the offence and the explanation(s) offered by the convicted person.

If the post involves regular contact with children, it is the School's normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted at any time of any the following offences: murder, manslaughter, rape, other serious sexual offences, grievous bodily harm or other serious acts of violence, serious class A drug related offences, robbery, burglary, theft, deception or fraud.

If the post involves access to money or budget responsibility, it is the School's normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted at any time of robbery, burglary, theft, deception or fraud.

If the post involves some driving responsibilities, it is the School's normal policy to consider it a high risk to employ anyone who has been convicted of drink driving.

**Data Protection Obligations**

The School will comply with its data protection obligations in respect of the processing of criminal records information. More information on this is included in the Data Protection Policy.