

Policy statement on the Recruitment of Ex-offenders

- 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), Lampard Community School complies fully with the Code of Practice [see link below] and undertakes to treat all applicants for positions fairly. Lampard Community School undertakes not to discriminate unfairly against any subject of a criminal record check on the basis of a conviction or other information revealed.
- Lampard Community School can only ask an individual to provide details of convictions and cautions that Lampard Community 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), Lampard Community School can only ask an individual about convictions and cautions that are not protected.
- Lampard Community 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.
- This policy has been placed on the recruitment and safeguarding areas of our school website so that it is available to all DBS applicants at the outset of the recruitment process.
- Lampard Community 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. Lampard Community 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.
- Lampard Community School ensures that all those who are involved in the recruitment process will seek appropriate guidance to identify and assess the relevance and circumstances of offences if any should be disclosed.
- At interview, or in a separate discussion, Lampard Community 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.
- Lampard Community 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.
- Lampard Community School undertakes to discuss any matter revealed on a DBS certificate with the individual seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.

Link to Code of Practice:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/474742/Code_of_Practice_for_Disclosure_and_Barring_Service_Nov_15.pdf