

**CONFIDENTIAL**



## **SENIOR LEADERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

*(Before completing this form please read the **Notes to Applicants**)*

### **Safeguarding Statement:**

**We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

Name of Candidate:

### **TO BE USED FOR THE FOLLOWING SENIOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ONLY:**

Headteacher (including Principal or equivalent)

Acting Headteacher

Joint Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher / Vice-Principal

Assistant Headteacher / Associate Principal

Head of School

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE USING THE LATEST VERSION OF THIS APPLICATION FORM WHICH CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE WEBSITE:**

[www.catholiceducation.org.uk](http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk)

### **BEFORE YOU BEGIN PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Correct application form for the position being applied for
2. Notes to applicants
3. Recruitment monitoring form
4. Consent to obtain references form

**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN ANY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS AND/OR SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS TO THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE. PLEASE RETURN ALL COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS AND/OR SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS TO THE SCHOOL/COLLEGE/ACADEMY/MULTI ACADEMY TRUST COMPANY WHERE THE POSITION APPLIED FOR IS BASED, OR AS INSTRUCTED IN THE DETAILS OF THE POST.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THIS APPLICATION FORM FULLY BEFORE  
RETURNING IT IF ALL SECTIONS ARE NOT COMPLETED YOUR APPLICATION  
MAY NOT BE PROCESSED**

**DETAILS OF ROLE APPLIED FOR:**

Application for the position of:

Full Time  Part Time  Job Share

At: School / Academy

At which the:

Governing Body

Academy Trust Company

Multi-Academy Trust Company

is the employer of staff.

In the Local Authority of:

In the Archdiocese / Diocese of:

Please state where you first learned of this vacancy:

**Personal Details:**

Title:

Surname:

First Name(s):

Known as (if applicable):

Religious Denomination / Faith:

Address:

Telephone Numbers:

Home:

Mobile:

Email Address:

How do you prefer to be contacted?    Phone  Email

DfE Teacher Reference Number:

Do you have Qualified Teacher Status? Yes  No

QTS Certificate Number:                      Date of qualification as a teacher:

Education Workforce Council (Wales only) or other Membership Number:

**Details of Present Employment:**

Are you presently employed:                      Yes  No

If no, please proceed to the next section.

Details of present post:

Role:

Name of employer:

Name of school / Academy

(if different):

Address:

Telephone Number:

Local Authority:

Archdiocese / Diocese:

Permanent     Temporary

Full time     Part time     Job share

Date of appointment:

Notice required:

If notice already given, date  
it is due to expire:

Reason for leaving:

Salary scale  
(e.g. main / upper / leadership)

Group of school /  
Number on role:

Spine Point:

Additional Allowances  
(including inner / outer / fringe London):

Gross annual salary:

## Employment History:

Please complete in chronological order, starting with the **most recent**:

Full name and address of school / college / academy (state whether nursery / primary / secondary / comprehensive / selective etc.) include details of local authority if relevant	Approx. number on roll	Age range taught & single sex / mixed	Post held and responsibilities including subjects taught and key stages taught	Dates employed month / year (from – to)	Reason for leaving

**Other Employment / Work Experience:**

Please complete in chronological order, starting with the **most recent**:

<b>Employment / Experience</b>	<b>Employer / Location</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Dates employed month / year (from – to)</b>	<b>Reason for leaving</b>

If there are any periods of time that have not been accounted for in your application, for instance, periods spent raising a family or of extended travel, please give details of them here with dates. The information provided in this form must provide a complete chronology from the age of 18. Please ensure that there are no gaps in the history of your education, employment and other experience. Failure to provide a full account may lead to your application being rejected.

Dates (from – to)	Activity

If you have ever been ordained and/or been a member of a religious community please provide details here:



**Post-11 education and training:**

Please complete in chronological order, starting with the **most recent**:

Full name and address of establishment	Full or part time	Dates attended month / year From - to	Date of award	Awarding body and registration number (if known)	Award and classification
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**Desirable Qualifications** (please note that NPQH is mandatory in Wales) please insert N/A if you do not have the qualifications listed in this section

					NPQH
					Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies (or, if equivalent, please state)

**Other Post-Graduate Qualifications**


**Higher Education Qualifications**

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### School / College Qualifications


### Continuing Professional Development

Please list any courses you have completed and/or any professional development in which you have been involved in the past 3 years which you consider relevant to this post.

Course Title	Course Provider	Length of Course	Dates From – To	Award / Classification (if applicable)

Please provide details of your most recent safeguarding training:

### Professional Memberships:

Chartered College of Teaching:

Associate  Member (MCCT)  Fellow (FCCT)  Chartered Teacher (CTeach)

Please list any other professional bodies of which you are a member:

### Interests and Hobbies:

Please list your interests and hobbies outside of work:

### Supporting Statement:

Please provide a written statement of **no more than 1,300 words** detailing why you believe your experience, skills, personal qualities, training and/or education are relevant to your suitability for the post advertised and how you meet the person specification applicable to the post. You should pay particular attention to the national standards for the position for which you are applying.

**References:**

A referee who is a current or former employer should have full access to the applicant's personal records, to the extent that this is achievable in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation. Most Senior Leadership posts require you to be a practising catholic and, therefore, one referee must be your Parish Priest / the Priest of the Parish where you regularly worship. In requesting a Priest's reference it is not our intention to deter applications. Please see the Notes to Applicants for further guidance. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that all named referees, including Parish Priests, where applicable, have consented to providing a reference. Please also ensure that you complete and return the consent to obtain references form with your application.

In accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education we will obtain and scrutinise references prior to interview and referees will be contacted to provide further clarification as appropriate. All information provided by referees will also be compared for consistency with the information you provide on this form and you will be asked about any discrepancies. Please advise if you do not want us to take up references at this stage and provide reasons.

Referees will also be asked for information about:

- all disciplinary offences (including those where the penalty is "time expired" if related to children); and
- all child protection allegations including the outcome of any child protection investigations.

You are advised to read the relevant section of the Notes to Applicants before completing this section.

If any of your referees knew you by another name please specify that name alongside the details of the relevant referee.

**Present School / Employer:**

Name:

Address:

Role:

Telephone:

Email:

**Other Professional (where you are not currently employed with children, this must be your most recent school / college / employer prior to your current employer):**

Name:

Address:

Role:

Telephone:

Email:

**Parish Priest / Priest of the Parish where you regularly worship (if applicable):**

Name:

Address:

Role:

Telephone:

Email:

If you or your spouse / civil partner / partner are related by marriage, blood or as a co-habitee to any member of the Governing Body / Academy Trust Company / Multi Academy Trust Company or any current employee(s) of the Governing Body / Academy Trust Company / Multi Academy Trust Company please provide the relevant details here:

Name(s) of Governing Body / Academy Trust Company / Multi Academy Trust Company / Employee(s):

Relationship(s) to you:

### **Disclosure of Criminal and Child Protection Matters and Disclosure and Barring Service Checks**

The Governing Body / Academy Trust Company / Multi Academy Trust Company is obliged by law to operate a checking procedure for employees who have access to children and young people.

Please confirm whether you have ever been the subject of any child protection concern either in your work or personal life, or been the subject of, or involved in, any disciplinary action in relation thereto, including any which is time expired.

Yes  No

If yes please provide full details:

**It is an offence to knowingly apply for, offer to do, accept, or do any work in a regulated position if you have been disqualified from working with children. Any offer of employment will be subject to checks being carried out in order to ensure that you are not subject to a prohibition order or an interim prohibition order.**

In the event of a successful application an offer of employment may be made to you which is conditional upon receipt of satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service Checks (“DBS Checks”) in relation to criminal and child protection matters. Please note that a conviction will not necessarily be a bar to obtaining employment.

By checking the box you consent to a DBS Check(s) being made:

## Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

If you have any convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not “protected” as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013 and 2020), then the details of these must be disclosed if you are invited for interview.

Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the [Ministry of Justice website](#).

If you are invited for interview, please bring The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 – Disclosure Form with you to the interview in a sealed envelope marked “Confidential – Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 – Disclosure Form”. You will be asked to hand the form to the interviewer at the end of the interview. If you do not have disclosable convictions, please complete the relevant sections of the Disclosure Form.

## Request for Your Consent to Process Your Data

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), we wish to ensure you are aware of the purpose for which we are requesting your consent to collect and process the data we have asked you to provide on this application form.

### Important information regarding your consent

1. We are Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (Academy), Evolve Business Centre, Cygnet Way, Rainton Bridge South Business Park, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4QY.
2. Being a Catholic education provider we work closely with the school’s / academy’s Diocesan Authority, the school’s / academy’s Trustees, the Local Authority, the Department for Education, the Catholic Education Service and schools within the Trust with whom we may share information you provide on this application form if we consider it is necessary in order to fulfil our functions.
3. The person responsible for data protection within our organisation is Sarah Burns, Data2Action and you can contact them with any questions relating to our handling of your data. You can contact them by email: [sarah.burns@data2action.co.uk](mailto:sarah.burns@data2action.co.uk)
4. We require the information we have requested on this form in order to process your application for employment.
5. To the extent that you have shared any special categories of personal data<sup>1</sup> this will not be shared with any third party except as detailed in paragraph 2 above, unless a legal obligation should arise.
6. If your application is successful, the information you have provided on this form will become part of your personnel file which shall be retained throughout the duration of your

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<sup>1</sup> Article 9(1) GDPR sets out the special categories of personal data as follows: “personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person’s sex life or sexual orientation....”

employment within our organisation and afterwards in accordance with our data retention policy.

7. If you are unsuccessful, your application form and any documents you have submitted in support of your application will be destroyed after a period of 6 months.
8. We will keep a record of your consent as evidence that we have obtained your consent to collect and process the data you have provided on this application form.
9. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time and can do so by informing our organisation's Data Protection Officer (see paragraph 3 above) that you wish to withdraw your consent.
10. To read about your individual rights you can refer to our fair processing notice and data protection policies.
11. If you wish to complain about how we have collected and processed the information you have provided on this form, you can make a complaint to our organisation by accessing the complaints policy held on the Trust website. If you are unhappy with how your complaint has been handled you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office via their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

### **Request for your consent**

Please ensure that you read paragraphs 1-11 above and raise any relevant questions before providing your consent below:

- I confirm that I have read and understood paragraphs 1-11 above and that I have been offered the opportunity to raise any relevant questions: Yes  No
- Please check this box if you agree to our collecting and processing your personal information as described in paragraphs 1-11 above:
- I agree to my personal data being shared as stated in paragraphs 2 and 5 above: Yes  No

### **Right to work in the UK.**

The Governing Body / Academy Trust Company / Multi Academy Trust Company will require you to provide evidence of your entitlement to undertake the position applied for and/or of your ongoing entitlement to live and work in the United Kingdom in accordance with the current immigration rules. More information can be found in the Notes to Applicants. By checking the box below, you confirm that you are legally entitled to work in the United Kingdom and that you will promptly provide documentary evidence of such entitlement when requested:

### **Language requirements for public sector workers.**



The ability to communicate with members of the public in accurate spoken English is an essential requirement for the post. This is because this is a public facing public sector post. Please note that this language requirement may be in addition to mandatory English language requirements associated with your immigration route.

## Declaration

If you know that any of the information that you have given in this application form is false or if you have knowingly omitted or concealed any relevant fact about your eligibility for employment which comes to our attention then your application form may be withdrawn from the recruitment process. Please note that checks may be carried out in order to verify the information you have included.

Providing false information is an offence and may result in this application being rejected. If such a discovery is made after you have been appointed then you may be liable to be dismissed summarily. You may also be reported to the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) (England only) or the Education Workforce Council (Wales only) and/or the Police, if appropriate.

By signing below I hereby certify that all the information given by me both on this form and in any supplementary pages and/or the supporting evidence provided, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, that all the questions relating to me have been fully answered and that I possess all the qualifications that I claim to hold.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility as the applicant, if invited for interview, to disclose information to the panel which may affect my suitability and/or eligibility to work with children and/or vulnerable adults.

Signature:

Date:

***(The post will be subject to the terms and conditions of the appropriate Catholic Education Service model contract, a copy of which will be provided to you before interview if you are shortlisted).***