**CONFIDENTIAL**

**Application Form for Appointment to a Post at Inspire Connected Communities Trust**

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

* Please complete clearly in black ink or typescript. This application form must be completed in full. A CV will not be accepted as a replacement for any part of this form.
* Please return this form via email to the following email address **HR@lwf.lincs.sch.uk**
* If you have not been invited for an interview within 4 weeks of the closing date, please assume that your application has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

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| **Post applied for:** | **At (school):**  |

**Personal Details**

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| **Title:** | **Forenames:** |
| **Surname:** | **Previous surnames:** |
| **Prefer to be known as:** | **Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):** |
| **Teacher Reference Number:** | **National Insurance Number:** |
| **Date Qualified:**  |  |
| **Have you completed an induction period as a Newly Qualified Teacher/Early Careers Teacher?** |
| **YES:**  | **NO:**  |
| **Address:** | **Mobile phone number (preferred):** |
| **Home phone number (alternative):**  |
| **Work phone number (alternative):** |
| **Email:** |
| **If applicable, please give the date when your continuous local government service commenced (month / year):** |

**Eligibility to work in the UK**

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|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Are you eligible to work in the UK? |  |  |
| Do you require sponsorship to take up this position? |  |  |

**Employment History**

Starting with your most recent job role, please list all previous employment (whether paid or unpaid) providing all of the requested details. Please include periods of unemployment.

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| Name of **Current Employer** |   |
| Address |  |
| Start date of employment |  |
| End date of employment |  |
| Job title |  |
| Salary / Grade |  |
| Period of Notice |  |
| Reason for leaving |  |
| Brief description of responsibilities: |

**Previous Employment**

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| **Employer** | **Job Title** | **Dates****(month & year)** | **Full of Part Time** | **Reason for Leaving** |
| **From** | **To** |
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**Gaps in employment history**

## Please give details of any gaps in your employment history, including dates and the reason for the gap.

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**Qualifications and Training**

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| **Name of School/ College** | **From** | **To** | **Qualification** | **Grade** |
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 **Training and development**

Please give details of any qualifications or training that you have received, which support your application. Include any on the job training as well as formal courses.

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| **Name of College/ University/Other** | **From** | **To** | **Qualification/Grade obtained** | **Awarding Body** |
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**Professional Memberships/Qualifications**

Please provide details of any professional qualifications and memberships of professional institutes that you hold.

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| **Name of Professional Body** | **Qualification/Membership and Date** |
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**Supporting Statement and Achievements**

Please use the space below to tell us how you meet the criteria for this post and person specification including personal qualities and experience – you will find it useful to refer to the Guidance Notes to help you complete this part of the application form. We need to have this information in order to consider your application. Please attach a separate sheet if you require more space.

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## Referees

## Please give details of two referees, one of whom must be your current and/or last employer and the other from a previous employer. Please see guidance notes for more information.

**Referee 1 - Current or Most Recent Employer**

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| **First name:** | **Surname:** |
| **Organisation:** | **Address:** |
| **Email:** |
| **Mobile or daytime number:** | **Alternative number:** |
| **Job title:** | **Known since (MM/YY):** |
| **Capacity in which known to you:** | **Type or reference (Academic/Character/Work):** |
| If you are invited for interview, may we approach this referee without further reference to you? | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |

**Referee 2**

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| **First name:** | **Surname:** |
| **Organisation:** | **Address:** |
| **Email:** |
| **Mobile or daytime number:** | **Alternative number:** |
| **Job title:** | **Known since (MM/YY):** |
| **Capacity in which known to you:** | **Type or reference (Academic/Character/Work):** |
| If you are invited for interview, may we approach this referee without further reference to you? | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |

**Disability**

The Equality Act 2010 protects people with disabilities from unlawful discrimination. To meet the Act’s definition, a person must have a physical or mental impairment, which has substantial long-term effects on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities and which has lasted, or is likely to last more than 12 months. Should you be shortlisted for interview we will make adjustments or special arrangements, if required, to facilitate your attendance at the interview.

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| Do you have a disability you wish us to know about at this stage? | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| If yes, please let us know what access requirements you may have. |  |

**Declaration of Relationships**

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| Are you related to, or have a close personal relationship with any current employee or School Governor? | **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |

If yes, please state their name and the position they hold:

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| Name |  |
| Position |  |

The canvassing of employees or Governors directly or indirectly will disqualify candidates from appointment.

The Trust must protect the public funds that it handles and so may use the information you have supplied on this form to prevent and detect fraud.

**Shortlisting and Pre-employment Checks**

1. **Online Searches**

As part of our safeguarding obligations, we will carry out online searches on you as part of our due diligence. In doing this, we will only be looking at information which might potentially impact your ability to carry out the role, and we recognise that there is a difference between your public and private life. We will carry out this search as part of the application process.

If you have any comments regarding this process, please do note this below. We can then consider this as part of the process.

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| Comments: |
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1. **Declaration of Offences**

Any offer of employment will be made *conditional* upon a satisfactory Enhanced DBS check including a Child/Adult’s Barred List check, where applicable to the role in question.

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| Are you currently a member of the DBS Update Service? | Yes  |  |
| No |  |

The Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) provides wider access to criminal record information through its Disclosure service. This service enables organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors to make safer recruitment decisions by identifying candidates who may be unsuitable for certain work, especially that involving children and vulnerable adults.

More information on The Disclosure & Barring Service can be found [**HERE**](http://www.gov.uk/disclosure-barring-service-check)

A copy of the Trust’s Safer Recruitment Policy can be viewed [on](https://www.lwf.lincs.sch.uk/our-policies/86.html) our website.

**CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS**

The 1997 Police Act allows employers to obtain information about people who are being considered for appointment to positions involving work with children.

The post you are applying for is subject to an enhanced disclosure and you are required to declare any spent or unspent convictions, either in the UK or abroad, including 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) by SI 2013.

You must also inform us if you are on List 99, disqualified from working with children, or have any active restriction which would prevent you taking up this post.

Criminal records will only be taken into account for recruitment purposes when the conviction is relevant. Having an “unspent” conviction will not necessarily bar you from employment. This will depend on the circumstances and background of your offence(s). Any information disclosed will be treated sensitively and in confidence and will only be used in deciding a candidate's suitability for the post applied for.

Failure to disclose any information required of you may result in your application being rejected or disciplinary action being taken if you have commenced employment with the School. The information you provide under this section will not be used for shortlisting purposes but will be discussed at interview if the School consider it is relevant to the position you are applying for.

Have you any spent or unspent convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not 'protected' to declare?

Yes No

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| If yes, please provide details below including the nature of the offence/alleged offence, dateand full name at the time of the offence: |

Are you a foreign national or a UK resident who has lived or worked abroad for more than three months in the last five years?

Yes No

You must obtain a Statement of Good Conduct (SOGC) from the Embassy of that country.

1. **Childcare Disqualification Requirements**

In addition to undertaking checks to ensure that members of staff are suitable to work with children, schools are also specifically required to establish that members of staff are not disqualified from working with children who have not yet reached the age of 8 in order to comply with the Childcare Act 2006 and the Childcare (Disqualification) and Childcare (Early Years Provision Free of Charge) (Extended Entitlement) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.

All shortlisted candidates for positions which will involve being responsible for the provision or management of such childcare (including teaching) shall be required to declare that they are not disqualified from undertaking such work.

A disqualified person is not permitted to provide or manage care for children under age 8 unless they apply for, and are granted, a waiver from Ofsted. In summary, a person may be disqualified from working in a school setting through:

* Inclusion on the Children’s Barred List;
* Being cautioned for, or convicted of, certain violent and sexual criminal offences against children and adults;
* Grounds relating to the care of children (including where an order is made in respect of a child under the person’s care);
* Having registration refused or cancelled in relation to childcare or children’s homes or being disqualified from private fostering.

Disqualification also applies to equivalent offences committed overseas. The Regulations do not automatically apply to all posts in a school or to settings where there is no provision for children under 8. You will therefore be informed if the Regulations are relevant to the post you are applying for.

Should you need to, you can find out more about disqualification in the Department for Education’s guidance [HERE](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disqualification-under-the-childcare-act-2006).

**Prohibition Checks**

Following successful interview, the Trust will carry out the necessary prohibition checks for all teaching staff as well as for all candidates appointed within a classroom-based job role, irrespective of whether the role permits for unsupervised “teaching work” as defined by The Teachers’ Disciplinary (England) Regulations 2012. This check will provide verification that the candidate has not been prohibited from teaching or carrying out teaching work by the Teaching Regulation Agency in the past.

1. **Safeguarding**

The Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment.

Where the role for which you are applying involves engaging in regulated activity, it is an offence to apply for the role if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.

A copy of the Trust’s Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website.

**Data Protection**

The Trust processes personal, special category data and criminal records data in accordance with our data protection policy and in accordance with data protection laws.

I understand that providing misleading or false information/qualifications may affect any recruitment decision made relating to me or if appointed, may lead to disciplinary action and dismissal.

**General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) May 2018**

All information provided will be dealt with in accordance with GDPR. This information may be used for administrative purposes within the Trust. Any personal information will only be used for the purpose of the recruitment process, be stored securely and will be retained for 6 months before being destroyed securely. Information will only be kept over 6 months for successful candidates.

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| RETIRED TEACHERS Under the Teachers Pensions Regulations, those teachers who are in receipt of a pension and retired on or after 01/04/1997 on grounds of ill health, cannot be employed unless you surrender your pension and are deemed fit to be employed as a teacher again.  |

**I authorise Inspire Connected Communities Trust to check the information supplied and hold all such information in both paper and electronic formats.**

If you are successful in your application, you will be asked to sign this declaration.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Notes**

1. **How to complete your application**

The application form plays an essential part in choosing the right person for a job. It is the information contained in your application and supporting statement that will decide whether or not you are invited for an interview or to the next stage in the selection process.

1. **What are selection criteria**

Selection criteria are the skills, abilities, knowledge and perhaps qualifications necessary to do the job. These are shown in the person specification. They are based on the key responsibilities of the role, which are shown in the job description. The purpose of the selection criteria is to help us to recruit the best person for the job objectively and fairly. The selection criteria are an essential part of our recruitment process and will be used to decide who is invited for an interview, or, the next stage of the selection process. The person specification should help you to match your skills, abilities and Knowledge against the selection criteria.

1. **Working in the UK**

You will be required to provide proof of your eligibility to work in the UK and carry out the role you are applying for to enable us to comply with our legal obligations. Checks may be carried out online/digitally or manually (in the latter case we will need to see original documents). We will confirm to you what information or documents we require to see. You will only be able to work for us once we are sure that you are eligible to work in the UK and to carry out the relevant work. If you are unsure about your status then you should contact the Home Office.

1. **Current or most recent employment**

We need you to provide us with your complete employment history, and any gaps in your employment history of more than one month should be explained – for example, carers and childcare responsibilities. We may ask for references to cover a full three-year history, which may include time spent at school/further education. In addition to the standard reference questions the employer/organisation will be asked about disciplinary offences relating to children, including "spent ones" and where the applicant has been the subject of any child protection concerns and details of these. For this three-year history please provide full postal addresses, including postcodes.

References will be taken up for short-listed candidates.

1. **Qualifications & Training**

Please give details of your education, qualifications and training, starting with secondary school. If we have requested that you have a professional qualification for this job, you will need to provide us with the relevant original certificates/registration documents.

1. **Supporting statement and achievements**

This section is your opportunity to tell us how you meet the criteria in the person specification. Take each relevant item and tell us about your skills, experience, knowledge and achievements.

Give examples of what you have done which prove your ability. If the person specification says, ‘able to organise activities’, you must do more than say, ‘I am an organised person’. Give an example by describing something that you have done, which tells us about the skills you used and the steps that you took.

You can use examples from your home life, time spent in education, voluntary work or from your hobbies/interests if you do not have any formal experience.

1. **Declaration of Relationships**

We do not exclude people who are related to, or have a close personal relationship with our employees or school governors. We will make sure that they do not take part in the selection for this post.

Please make sure you read and sign/positively tick the declaration.

1. **Monitoring**

Attached to this application form is an Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form that should be completed and provided to the Trust alongside your completed application form. This Trust has an Equal Opportunity and Diversity Policy, which we ensure that we monitor to ensure that our employees reflect the community we serve. The information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and will only be used for monitoring purposes.

**Checklist**

Before you submit your application, please check that you have:

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| Read through the Job Description & Person Specification so that you know exactly what the job entails and the skills, knowledge, abilities and perhaps qualification required to do the job. |  |
| Read through your application form and make sure that you have filled out all the parts that we have asked you to. |  |
| Given clear, step-by-step examples of your skills, abilities, knowledge, and experience. |  |
| Attached additional information if you have run out of space. |  |
| Kept a copy of your completed application form and Job Description and Person Specification. |  |
| Completed and returned in a separate envelope (as indicated on the form) the Equal Opportunities Monitoring form. |  |
| Made sure that your application form will be received by the closing date. |  |

**What happens next?**

Your completed application form will be used to decide whether or not you are invited for an interview, or the next stage of the recruitment stage of the recruitment process. You will hear from us shortly after the closing date if your application is shortlisted

**Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form**

Inspire Connected Communities Trust is committed to achieving fairness and equality in employment as contained within the Trust’s Equality and Diversity policy. We aim to ensure that unfair discrimination does not take place at any stage of employment including within the recruitment procedure. By completing this monitoring form you will be supporting Inspire Connected Communities Trust in meeting its commitments to review and monitor the effectiveness of the recruitment procedure and help us ensure that these procedures are open and available to everyone.

This information will be stored securely and confidentially and **will not be taken into account when making the appointment**.

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| **Title** |  | **Surname** |  | **First name(s)** |  |
| **Nationality** |   | **Date of Birth** |   |
| **To which age band do you belong?** |
| 16-19 |  | 20-24 |  | 25-29 |  | 30-34 |  | 35-39 |  | Prefer not to say |  |
| 40-44 |  | 45-49 |  | 50-54 |  | 55-59 |  | 60+ |  |
| **Gender** | Male  |  | Female |  | Other  |  | Prefer not to say |  |
| **Do you identify as the gender with which you were registered at birth?**  | Yes |  | No |  | Prefer not to say |  |
| **Do you consider yourself to have a disability or health condition that has a substantial and long-term effect lasting or expected to last at least 12 months?**  | Yes |  | No |  | Prefer not to say |  |
| If yes above, please give details |
| **How would you describe your sexual orientation?** | Heterosexual |  | Gay |  | Lesbian |  |
| Bisexual |  | Asexual |  | Pansexual |  |
| Undecided |  | Other |  | Prefer not to say |  |
| **How would you describe your ethnic origin?** |
| **White** |  | **Black or Black British** |  |
| British |  | African |  |
| Irish |  | Caribbean |  |
| Gypsy or Irish Traveller  |  | Any other Black background, please state below |  |
| Any other White background, please state below |  |  |
| **Mixed** |  | **Asian or British Asian** |  |
| White and Black Caribbean |  | Bangladeshi |  |
| White and Black African |  | Indian |  |
| White and Asian |  | Pakistani |  |
| Any other mixed background, please state below |  | Chinese |  |
|  | Any other, please state below |  |
| **Other Ethnic groups** |  | **Prefer not to say** |  |
| Arab |  |
| Any other ethnic group, please state |  |
| **What is your religion or belief?** |
| Agnostic |  | Christian |  | Jewish |  | Other (please specify) |  |
| Atheist |  | Hindu |  | Muslim |  | Pagan |  | Prefer not to say |  |
| Buddhist |  | Jain |  | No religion |  | Sikh |  |