

Personnel Specification

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Job Title	School Administrator (Receptionist)			Directorate	Education
JE Reference No:		Grade	Grade B	Service	The Westminster School
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The Personnel Specification outlines the main attributes needed to adequately perform the post specified. In drawing together the specification, a critical examination of the job description has been undertaken to pinpoint those elements of the post deemed as essential.

The Personnel Specification is intended to give prospective candidates a better understanding of the position's requirements. It will be used as part of the recruitment process in identifying and shortlisting candidates and in determining an applicant's suitability for employment, whilst giving due consideration to the need to make reasonable adjustments in line with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

	Essential	N/A	How identified
1. Qualifications			
What does the job require in the way of: - Level of formal qualifications required to carry out the job. Describe these by level of attainment and by subject matter where appropriate, e.g. Degree, HNC, Professional Qualifications, GCSE's, CIPFA etc. Consider carefully whether these are absolutely necessary.	Educated to GCSE grade C in English and Maths (or equivalent)		Formal possession of an appropriate qualification to be verified at interview or from records.
2. Experience			
What does the job require in the way of: - Specific related job experience and in what type of working environment. What kind of life experience could supplement or replace this? Which is more important to the success of the job?	Experience of working in a school office setting. Reception/Telephonist experience. Working as part of a team. Experience of school attendance administration and procedures.		Past employment activity record. Performance in related selection methods, e.g. presentation, group discussion.
3. Training			

What does the job require in the way of: - Specific and/or specialist training in order to do the job, e.g. training in recruitment and selection, supervisory, management, interpersonal skills. Apprenticeship in a recognised trade. Practical training in the use of specific equipment, word processing etc.	Experience/training in the use of SIMS. Safeguarding and Data Protection training. Willingness to attend relevant training.		Past training history from application form and records. Selection process by demonstration of ability to display knowledge and skills at the interview.
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What special knowledge is required ir order to perform the job properly, e.g. a knowledge of employment egislation, accounting, financial planning regulations, languages, computer systems, local area etc?	Knowledge and practical experience in the use of Microsoft Word and Excel with the ability to use both effectively and independently. Knowledge and practical experience in the use of SIMS. Capable of organising a demanding workload and successfully prioritising work.		Qualifications held and demonstration of knowledge at interview.
. Circumstances (personal)		I	
What kind of personal circumstances are required to do the job properly? The ability to work shifts, weekends atc. The willingness and ability to ravel and stay away from home. Willingness to live-in if the job equires. Ability to drive, car ownership.	The ability to work when the school is open (term time working).		Ensuring candidates are aware of these requirements from the job description. Interview questions and application details.
. Disposition			
How far does the job require: - Being steady, dependable, persevering, persistent, even tenacious, being difficult to distract or discourage. Setting on well with others, working eadily with others, co-operating, and offluencing others. Depending on oneself rather than others, relying on own resources, accepting esponsibility, leadership qualities, ability to motivate others. Ability to cope with monotony, neatness, accuracy of work, attention to detail.	The ability to work as both part of a team and independently. Friendly and welcoming with the ability to forge relationships with different types of people.		Performance in related selection process, e.g. exercises, group discussion, problem solving, questions etc.

What practical and are required for per effectively? Does to be a practically ories should they be able decisions, should the understand information complex reports? A manual dexterity is applicant need to be minded?	Good verbal and written communication skill with good spelling and grammar. Good keyboard skills and practical experience using desktop computer.				Performance in related selection process.			
8. Legal Requirem	ents							
Are there any limita requirements impose candidates must co special qualification range etc.? Are the Occupational Qualiti defined in legislation this post?	sed by statute that mply with, e.g. is, minimum age re any "Genuine fications" as n which apply to	Enhanced DBS check for regulated activity.				Application form ar interview questioni and references.		
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9. Background Ch Please ✓ require Specification	ecks ed check(s) referring t	to Section 9 of <u>Gr</u>	lidance	on comple	<u>eting individu</u>	<u>al secti</u>	ons of the Personnel	
The post is	a) Enhanced DBS with Children's and Adults Barring List Check						Only one or none of these checks (a – f) may be applicable.	
subject to the following	b) Enhanced DBS with Adults Barring List Check							
Background Check(s) which	c) Enhanced DBS with Children's Barring List Check					K		
will be undertaken, where applicable,	d) Enhanced DBS Check							
following a conditional offer	e) Standard DBS Check							
of appointment.	f) Basic Disclosure Check							
	Police Vetting Chec	Check					This check may also be required in addition to one from (a-f) above	
	No Check Required							
10. Politically Res	tricted Post				-			
Is this post a "politically restricted post"?					Yes Vo		No No	
Applicants can gain further information on Politically Restricted posts in the "Information for job applicants' booklet".								
 11. Main Physical Activities/ Requirements of the Post. Please ✓ if activity requires to be undertaken. The Council will make reasonable adjustments that are necessary for the successful candidate to undertake any of these activities 								
Lifting / manual har	9		Prolonged	ed standing or sitting				
Working at heights				Prolonged machinery	ed working with vibrating tools / rry			
Working in confined spaces				Bending /	ending / Squatting / Kneeling			

Working outdoors		Manual cleaning /domestic duties	
Agricultural / gardening work		Food Handling	
Work requiring respirators or masks		Rotating shift work or night work	
Work requiring hearing protection		Driving Duties HGV / LGV/ Minibus / Passenger carrying	
Work with skin irritants / allergens / respiratory irritants/fine particles		Any other driving duties	
Significant use of computers	2	Using restraint	
Working with children or vulnerable adults		High mental stress content	
Permanent night work		Physical / sport / leisure duties	
Lone working		Regular walking on uneven ground	
Working with challenging behaviours			
Other main physical activities not listed above			

12. Safety Critical Posts

A pre-employment/placement medical assessment with Occupational Health is required for any employee who is undertaking a safety critical post.

A safety critical post is one that is likely to be exposed to:-

- Noise (e.g. gardeners using mowers and highways road workers)
- Vibration o Hand/arm vibration (e.g. gardeners using blowers and/or strimmers, road workers, arborists, cleaners using buffers and countryside workers)
 - Whole body vibration (e.g. tractor drivers)
- Hazardous substances (i.e. solvents, fumes, dusts, biological agents and other substances hazardous to health) (e.g. School Design and Technology Technicians)

Also, the following posts: Fleet Drivers (where it is an essential requirement of the job to hold a valid driving licence in order to carry out the duties of the role), Trading Standards Officers, Vehicle Mechanics, School Crossing Patrol Operatives, employees working with asbestos and employees with responsibility for the health and well being of children and adults during the night require a pre-employment/placement medical.

Other Night workers (e.g. care workers and concierge staff) will be given the option to receive preemployment/placement screening if they are offered the position

Having reviewed the criteria outlined in Section 12 is this post a "Safety Critical" post?	Yes	•	No
13. Language Requirements		•	

Is this post covered by part 7 of the Immigration Act (2016), and therefore, the ability to speak fluent and spoken English is an essential requirement for this role? For example:		
• The employee will work in a customer-facing role.		
 The employee is required to speak to members of the public in English and this forms a regular and intrinsic part of the role. 	N	□ No
• The employee requires a command of spoken English, to enable the effective performance of the role.	∀ es	