



# **Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Policy for Mulberry Academy Shoreditch**

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Our safeguarding practices and procedures are essential to the well-being of all of our students and we pride ourselves on the rigour of our checking procedures and the quality of our Single Central Record. We continuously review all of the aspects of safeguarding in Mulberry.

As you are all aware, an enhanced DBS disclosure is only accurate up to the date on which it is issued. For that reason we currently ask that all staff renew their Disclosures on a three yearly basis. This requires all staff to provide the requisite forms of identification and complete a DBS form on-line. The process is time-consuming for everyone concerned.

From September 2020, we have adopted a new approach.

- (1) We will ask you to sign an annual declaration that there has been no change to the information contained on your current enhanced DBS.
- (2) To ensure that we are fully safeguarding compliant, we shall combine this annual declaration process with a randomised selection of staff who will be expected to complete an on-line disclosure.
- (3) All new staff will be asked to join the DBS checking service and the cost will be reimbursed by the school.
- (4) Finally, I ask you to remember that if there is any change to the information contained in the DBS declaration after you have received it, you must notify the Executive Principal immediately with the nature of the change. A failure on your part to declare any change in the information to the Head teacher will be treated as very serious and may be dealt with via the school's disciplinary procedure. This has always been an implicit requirement for all staff working in schools, but we are now making it explicit as an indication of our policy of thoroughness in safeguarding.
- (5) I am sure you will all understand our reasons for making this change and am grateful for your understanding and co-operation. If you have any concerns please do you raise them with me.

Ruth Holden

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