

Guidance

Check the children's barred list

Check if a new employee can work with children whilst you wait for a DBS check or whether they need an enhanced DBS check.

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People on the children's barred list are not allowed to work with children.

The list is usually checked as part of a new employee's enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Schools, colleges, local authorities and higher education institutions can check the children's barred list separately if the new employee either:

- will start working with children while you are waiting for the result of an enhanced DBS check
- does not need an enhanced DBS check because they've worked with children in a school or college within the last 3 months

You'll need the new employee's last name and date of birth to check the children's barred list.

Before you check their record, you should [confirm the teacher's identity \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/identity-proofing-and-verification-of-an-individual\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/identity-proofing-and-verification-of-an-individual).

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