



Dorin Park School

ESCALATION PROCESS
DORIN PARK SCHOOL
(Exams/Assessments Suite)

REVIEWED: Senior Leadership Team

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NEXT REVIEW DATE: AUTUMN 2026

This document is reviewed annually to ensure compliance with current regulations

Purpose of the process

To confirm the main duties and responsibilities to be escalated should the head of centre, or a member of the senior leadership team with oversight of examination and assessment administration, be absent.

Before examinations (Planning)

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to activity prior to examinations will be escalated to **Alicia Dooley of the Senior Leadership Team**.

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, the following JCQ documents will be referenced:

- A guide to the special consideration process
- Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments
- AI Use in Assessments: Your role in protecting the integrity of qualifications
- Guidance for centres on cyber security
- Instructions for conducting coursework
- Instructions for conducting examinations
- Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (GCE and GCSE specifications)
- Instructions for conducting non-examination assessments (Vocational and Technical Qualifications)
- Notice to Centres – Informing candidates of their centre-assessed marks
- Plagiarism in Assessments – Guidance for Teachers/Assessors
- Suspected Malpractice – Policies and Procedures

Main duties and responsibilities relate to:

- Third party arrangements
- Centre status
- Confidentiality
- Resilience and contingency arrangements
- Cyber security
- Communication
- Centre management:
 - Recruitment, selection, training and support
 - External and internal governance arrangements
 - Delivery of qualifications
 - Public liability
 - Conflicts of interest
 - Controlled assessments, coursework and non-examination assessments
 - Security of assessment materials
 - National Centre Number Register and other information requirements

- Centre inspections
Additional JCQ document for reference:
 - JCQ Centre Inspection Service Changes
- Policies available for inspection
Specific JCQ documents for reference:
 - General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5)
 - Instructions for conducting examinations (section 25)
 - Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (section 5)
- Personal data, freedom of information and copyright

Centre-specific information for reference

[See our exams/assessments suite policies and procedures on the school website.](#)

[Before examinations \(Entries and Pre-exams\)](#)

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination and assessment administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to entries and exam preparation will be escalated to [Alicia Dooley of the Senior Leadership Team](#).

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, sections of relevant JCQ documents will be specifically referenced including:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5)
- Instructions for conducting examinations (sections 1-15)
- Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (sections 6-8)

Main duties and responsibilities relate to:

- Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments
- Entries (including assuring appropriate controls are in place which allow accurate entries to be submitted to the awarding bodies)

Additional JCQ documents for reference:

- Key Dates
- Guidance Notes for Transferred Candidates
- Alternative Site guidance notes
- Guidance notes for overnight supervision of candidates with a timetable variation
- Centre assessed work (including ensuring that candidates' work is backed-up and considering the contingency of candidates' work being backed-up in the event of IT system corruption and cyber-attacks, and ensuring appropriate controls are in place which allow accurate internally assessed marks to be submitted to the awarding bodies)

Additional JCQ document for reference:

- Guidance Notes – Centre Consortium Arrangements
- Candidate information

Additional JCQ documents for reference:

- Information for candidates documents
- Exam Room Posters

Centre-specific information for reference

[See our exams/assessments suite policies and procedures on the school website.](#)

[During examinations \(Exam time\)](#)

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination and assessment administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to during exam time will be escalated to [Alicia Dooley of the Senior Leadership Team](#).

The centre also has in place a member of the senior leadership team who will provide support and guidance to the examinations officer and ensure that the integrity and security of examinations and assessments is maintained throughout an examination series.

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, sections of relevant JCQ documents will be specifically referenced including:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres (sections 3, 5)
- Instructions for conducting examinations (sections 16-31)
- Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (section 8)
- A guide to the special consideration process (sections 2-7)

Main duties and responsibilities relate to:

- Conducting examinations and assessments
Additional JCQ document for reference:
 - Guidance Notes – Very Late Arrival
- Malpractice
- Retention of candidates' work

Centre-specific information for reference

[See our exams/assessments suite policies and procedures on the school website.](#)

[After examinations \(Results and Post-Results\)](#)

In the event of the absence of the head of centre or the member of senior leadership with oversight of examination and assessment administration, responsibility for implementing JCQ regulations and requirements relating to after examinations will be escalated to [Alicia Dooley of the Senior Leadership Team](#).

To support understanding of the regulations and requirements, sections of relevant JCQ documents will be specifically referenced including:

- General Regulations for Approved Centres (section 5)

Main duties and responsibilities relate to:

- Results
Additional JCQ document for reference:
 - Release of Results notice
- Post-results services and appeals
Additional JCQ documents for reference:
 - Post-Results Services: *Information and guidance to centres*
 - JCQ Appeals Booklet (A guide to the awarding bodies' appeals processes)
- Certificates

Centre-specific information for reference

See our [exams/assessments suite policies and procedures on the school website](#).