



MEADOW PARK SCHOOL

Provider Access Policy Statement

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1. RATIONALE

High quality careers education and guidance in school or college is critical to young people's futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

2. COMMITMENT

Meadow Park School is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Meadow Park School is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome, which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Meadow Park School endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause": supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

3. AIMS

Meadow Park School's policy for access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.
- To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

4. STUDENT ENTITLEMENT

Meadow Park School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships.

The school will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be delivered in a variety of ways including: through assemblies in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week; providers attending careers events at school; visits to employers, colleges and external careers events; training provider assemblies; and inviting organisations into school for workshops, careers fairs and information evenings.

5. ACCESS

Equality and diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Meadow Park School is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to the Careers Advisor, Mrs Evans. Mrs Evans may be contacted by telephone 02476 302580 or email c.evans@meadowparkschool.com.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Meadow Park School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider, organised in partnership with Meadow Park School.

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

Meadow Park School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Adviser will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience.

Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Live/virtual encounter

Meadow Park School will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school theatre. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

Parents and carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

The Careers Advisor coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to their senior management line manager.

6. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to the school's Complaint Manager, Mrs Carr: a.carr@meadowparkschool.com in line with the school's Complaint's Policy.

7. MONITORING, REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually by the Senior Leadership Team and the Local Governing Body

8. LINKS WITH OTHER POLICIES

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

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Approved by Governors:

Signed:  Signed: 

BERNADETTE PETTMAN
Headteacher

DAVID KERSHAW
Chair of Governors

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APPENDIX

Providers who have been invited into Meadow Park School to date

- Coventry College
- Warwickshire College
- North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College
- Stratford upon Avon College
- Solihull College
- Heart of England Training
- Coventry and Warwickshire College
- Coventry City Council
- JBC Skills Training
- Birmingham College University

Destinations of previous pupils from Meadow Park School

- Coventry College
- Warwickshire Colleges
- Stratford upon Avon College
- Solihull College
- Birmingham College University
- Heart of England Training