



Ash Manor School

Provider Access Policy

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Introduction and Purpose of Policy

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing access of providers to students at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

It meets the Department for Education's **Careers guidance and access for education and training providers, statutory guidance for schools and guidance for further education colleges and sixth form colleges - January 2023**

Student entitlement

All students in years 8 – 11

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make application for the full range of academic technical courses.

Provider Access Legislation

The provider access legislation is new guidance that comes into force from January 2023. It is a key mechanism to further help learners understand and take-up, not just apprenticeships, but wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

The updated provider access legislation (PAL) specifies Ash Manor School must provide at least four encounters for all their students:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend

In the context of the provider access legislation, a provider is an organisation that offers approved technical education qualifications or their representative, for example an FE college or training provider.

A provider, to whom access is given, must deliver an encounter that includes the following:

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- Information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships that the provider offers
- Information about the careers to which those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead
- A description of what learning or training with the provider is like
- Responses to questions from the pupils about the provider or approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Jane Sheridan, Careers Lead.

Telephone: 01252 353900; email: jsheridan@ashmanorschool.com

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the schools careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classroom or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentation. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead.

Providers are welcome to send electronic copies of their prospectus, or a website link which will be included in our virtual Careers Classroom which can be accessed by all students.