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THE DEANES

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY



Approval and review

This policy statement will be reviewed every 3 years or when required by legislative changes.

The next review will take place in December 2020.

Signed by:

Headteacher

Date:

Chair of governors

Date:

Context

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of 2 January 2018, we have a duty to provide pupils in years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

Who handles our access requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact our careers leader, Kelly Corp, (01268) 773545 or via email on: kcorp@thedeanes.essex.sch.uk.

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our academy careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the academy year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	Enterprise programme	KS4 options evening	
Year 9		Sector insight/virtual work experience programme	Enterprise programme
Year 10		Sector insight/virtual work experience programme	Enterprise programme Work experience placements
Year 11	Post-16 options assemblies from a range of providers. FE and HE workshops.	Open Day visits to Post-16 technical providers.	

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers leader, Kelly Corp, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

The [Child Protection Policy](#) and [Guest Speaker Policy](#) set out our approach to allowing providers into the academy to speak to our pupils.

What are the rules for granting and refusing access requests?

We will grant access requests that meet the following criteria:

- Give a minimum of one month's notice in writing of a request to attend a particular event
- Provider's are recognised by the DfE as an establishment that is licenced to provide educational services to young people.
- Any provider must abide by all relevant academy policy

What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make the hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Can providers leave prospectuses for pupils to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature at the school.