

Millom School: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils 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.

The January 2018 "Careers guidance and access for education and training providers" statutory guidance states:

"This statutory guidance has been updated to expand on the aim set out in the strategy to make sure that all young people in secondary school get a programme of advice and guidance that is stable, structured and delivered by individuals with the right skills and experience."

Schools and academies have an "existing duty to secure independent careers guidance and the new duty to provide opportunities to a range of providers of technical education and apprenticeships to access pupils to inform them about technical education qualifications or apprenticeships."

The statutory duties:

"The governing body must ensure that the independent careers guidance provided:

- is presented in an impartial manner, showing no bias or favouritism towards a particular institution, education or work option;*
- includes information on the range of education or training options, including apprenticeships and technical education routes;*
- is guidance that the person giving it considers will promote the best interests of the pupils to whom it is given."*

"The Technical and Further Education Act 2017 inserts section 42B into the Education Act 1997 and came into force on 2 January 2018. This new law requires the proprietor of all schools and academies to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access all pupils in year 8 to year 13 for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships."

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8-13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships 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 applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs C Vance, Assistant Headteacher

Telephone: 01229 772300

Email: stvancec@millom.cumbria.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Careers Fair	Progression Assembly	
Year 9	Careers Fair Y9 Options Event	Progression Assembly	Unifrog Launch
Year 10	Careers Fair	Work Experience Preparation Unifrog Launch	
Year 11	Careers Fair Mock Interviews	Post-16 Information Evening Small group sessions and workshops – FE and apprenticeship applications Unifrog Launch	
Year 12	Careers Fair	Small group sessions and workshops Unifrog Launch	Small group sessions and workshops Work Experience Preparation
Year 13	Careers Fair Small group sessions and workshops – HE and apprenticeship applications		

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make classrooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity and subject to availability during the normal timetabled uses of those spaces. The provider will bring their own resources and other specialist equipment to support their presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

The provider will give the school proof, in accordance with the guidance, that the individuals delivering the guidance have the “right skills and experience”.

The provider will give assurance, in accordance with the guidance, that they are attending “the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships” and not to promote their institution for the purposes of recruiting students from the school.

From time to time there may be providers who are offering the same academic, technical qualifications and apprenticeships. The school reserves the right to decide to remove duplication and choose which provider attends an event as part of any programme.

Approval and review

Approved *[date]*

Next review: *[date]*



Signed

Chair of Governors

[name] Head teacher

