



PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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To be reviewed annually

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- Updates to the legislation involved in this policy.
- Updates to the Year 8 offer – now only offered to Ferndown Middle School.

Ferndown Upper School: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and of training providers to pupils at our school for the purposes 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 **and the Provider Access Legislation 2023**;

It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

Student entitlement

Students 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 minimum of six local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through high quality encounters such as options evenings, 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 Miss Giles, *Head of Careers*

Telephone: 01202 871243 Email: LucyGiles@fernup.dorset.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:

	Careers Programme for years 8-13
8	Careers Education is so important to us that we begin careers input with our local feeder school Ferndown Middle School . This includes a morning of activities on personal finance and the careers programme at Ferndown Upper School .
9	Students have the opportunity to take part in the following: Careers off timetable events: • Year 9 Drop Down Day • Setting up their Unifrog accounts • Attend Year 9 Options Evening • When requested Year 9 are entitled to a 1:1 interview with Miss Giles
10	Students have the opportunity to take part in the following: Careers off timetable events: • Meet the Employer Event • When requested Year 10 are entitled to a 1:1 interview with Miss Giles
11	Students have the opportunity to take part in the following: Careers off Timetable events: • Information on local college Open Days via a dedicated off timetable morning. • Attend Sixth Form Open Evening • Support with Post-16 applications • All Year 11 will receive a 1:1 interview with Miss Giles
12	Students have the opportunity to take part in the following: Careers off Timetable events • 1 week of Work Experience • UCAS launch • UCAS Fair • Progression Day • When requested Year 12 are entitled to a 1:1 interview with Miss Giles

13	Students have the opportunity to take part in the following: Careers off Timetable events • Support with applications to UCAS • Support with applications for apprenticeships • Support with applications for employment • All Year 13 will receive a 1:1 interview with Miss Giles
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Please speak to our named Head of Careers to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors. This can be found on our website.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms 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 presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Head of Careers.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature to be distributed to students.

Approval and review

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students is monitored by Mrs Chater, Deputy Headteacher.

Approved **** by Governors at Full Governors' Meeting

Next review: 05.2026

Signed:

Chair of Governors

Phil Jones Head teacher

