

# Provider Access Policy Statement

“What does the Lord ask of you? To act justly, to love  
mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

(Micah 6:8)

## Introduction

In our school, our Christian vision shapes all we do. All members of the school community are committed to upholding the St Michael’s Church of England Christian values:

- to show love, care and kindness to all in our community
- to value what we have and to share with others
- to enable everyone to achieve their full potential

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, 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, e.g. 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, Peter Stafford, on 0121 561 6881 or via email on [pete.stafford@st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:pete.stafford@st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk).

## What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

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

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	STEM Careers Research	PSHE activities	PSHE activities
Year 9	Group sessions on career routes Career websites	Options events	Assemblies Colleges Apprenticeships Business talks
Year 10	PSHE sessions Work experience preparation University visits	Group sessions on career routes PSHE sessions World of work sessions Tasters	Careers software Work experience FE Talks Local Business speakers
Year 11	1:1 Advice and Guidance sessions College talks Apprenticeship talks	Careers Fair NCS assembly World of work sessions Business speakers	

## **Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?**

Providers can speak to our careers leader to discuss possible attendance at relevant events. Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and School Visitor Policy set out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

## **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 school 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 with the school librarian at the school library.

## **Approval and review**

This policy statement was approved by the governing board on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

The next review will take place in October 2023.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of governors

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Headteacher

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