

Policy Statement on Provider Access Lindsworth School

Lindsworth School: Provider Access

Policy Introduction

This updated policy reflects the latest provider access legislation for schools, including the updated requirements introduced through the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022 and subsequent statutory guidance. It highlights how Lindsworth School manages provider access to ensure pupils receive high-quality information about technical education, apprenticeships, and training pathways.

Pupil Entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- Learn about technical education qualifications, apprenticeships, and approved training routes as part of a structured careers programme.
- Hear from a diverse range of local providers offering academic, technical, and vocational pathways.
- Understand how to apply for the full range of post-16 options.

Statutory Minimum Provider Encounters

Key Phase	Year Groups	Minimum Encounters Required
First Key Phase	8-9	Two Meaningful Encounters
Second Key Phase	10-11	Two Meaningful Encounters

These encounters must: -

- Take place during normal school hours
- Be meaningful, following the “Making It Meaningful Checklist”
- Include information about the provider, the courses offered, and potential career routes.
- Offer pupils the chance to ask questions and engage directly with provider staff.

Both in-person and live online encounters are acceptable.

Meaningful Provider Encounters

A meaningful encounter is defined as a structured session between pupils and a provider that includes: -

- Information about the provider and its approved qualifications
- Insight into learning, training and career progression.
- Opportunities for pupils to interact, ask questions, and explore pathways.

Online engagement is welcome where it meets the above criteria.

Previous Providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Birmingham Metropolitan College
- Birmingham City University
- British Creative Institute
- Solihull College
- Cadbury Sixth Form College
- Crackerjack Training
- South and City College
- BlueWhale Training
- Nova Training
- The Princes Trust
- Envirohort
- NHS Choices College
- Barnado's

Destinations of Our Pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

- BlueWhale Training
- South and City - Longbridge
- Birmingham Metropolitan College – James Watt
- Birmingham Metropolitan College – Sutton Coldfield
- Kidderminster College

Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Andrew Jacques, Director of Learning and Careers Lead. Please email Andrew at a.jacques@lindsworth.bham.sch.uk

Opportunities for Access

The school offers the statutory four encounters and additional opportunities integrated into the careers program. Providers may be invited to: -

- Assemblies
- Workshops
- Careers fairs
- Taster sessions
- Parents' events

Schedule of Events

The school's annual careers programme includes a wide range of encounters across all year groups. Events include workplace visits, apprenticeship workshops, careers fairs, and provider presentations.

(Existing table retained by school and updated as needed by the school)

Premises and Facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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 Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for distribution to pupils.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

This policy statement is awaiting review by the governing board

The next review will take place on

Signed: _____ Chair of governors

Signed: _____ Headteacher