



**Blatchington
Mill School**
Involvement, Achievement & Care

Provider Access Policy Statement

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1. Our Aims

Blatchington Mill School aims

- to develop our students' knowledge and awareness of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- to support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.
- to reduce drop out from Post 16 courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training)

This policy statement supports these aims by setting out our arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of providing information about their offer.

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

2. 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. (The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause”: supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

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.



3. Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 11 at Blatchington Mill School are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of our careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Alexis Crawford, Assistant Headteacher via telephone: 01273 736244 or email: careers@blatchingtonmill.org.uk

4.2 Opportunities for access

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

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 8	<i>Form time opportunities</i>	<i>Form time opportunities</i>	<i>Form time opportunities</i>
Year 9	<i>Form time opportunities</i>	<i>Key Stage 4 options</i> <i>Assemblies in National careers Week</i> <i>Form time opportunities</i>	<i>Form time opportunities</i>
Year 10	<i>Form time opportunities</i>	<i>Assemblies in National Apprenticeship week</i> <i>Assemblies by Post 16 providers</i> <i>Form time opportunities</i>	<i>Assemblies by Post 16 providers</i> <i>Post-16 taster sessions</i> <i>Form time opportunities</i>
Year 11	<i>Progression and Transition Post 16 Evening.</i> <i>Post 16 colleges - support with applications</i> <i>Form time opportunities</i>	<i>Apprenticeships - support with applications</i> <i>Form time opportunities</i>	

Please speak to our Assistant Headteacher to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.



4.3 Granting and refusing access

Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate requests. Requests will be granted where the provider has a reasonable geographic distance to the school, or a history of progression for students from the school. Providers will need to be registered with the appropriate authorities and need to demonstrate they are compliant with all relevant legislation in relation to GDPR, Keeping Children Safe, and Equal Opportunities legislation under the Equality Act 2010.

4.4 Safeguarding

Our safeguarding and child protection policies outline the school's procedure for checking the identity of visitors. The suitability of visitors is confirmed by the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

4.5 Premises and facilities

- The school will allow use of presentation equipment for providers, but due to security procedures will not be able to provide access to school wifi. Providers will be expected to provide any paper materials they wish to distribute, and any additional physical resources needed.
- Agreement for use of spaces within schools should be arranged via email upon agreement of the access request.
- Providers may leave prospectus materials at school for students to access. These will be stored in the careers library in the AP building and the library.

4.6 Virtual and online encounters

We will consider these where requested and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school theatre. technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

5. Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students is monitored by Alexis Crawford, Assistant Headteacher.

This policy will be reviewed by the school leadership team on a two yearly basis. At every review, the policy will be approved by the headteacher.



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Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Blatchington mill to date include:

BHASVIC

Varndean College

Newman College

GB Met

Plumpton

BACA

Shoreham Academy

East Sussex College

DV8

ASK Apprenticeships

Steve Willis Apprenticeships

Next step apprenticeships

Armed Forces