

Name of School: Provider Access Policy Statement

(To include The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause” and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)

Ownership: New Mills School

Date updated: November 2023

Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school or college is critical to young people’s futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

New Mills School is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. **New Mills School** is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

New Mills School endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and 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).

Aims

New Mills School policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students 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 courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

New Mills School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done in assemblies in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week as well as throughout the year, in addition providers will be attending careers events at school. **New Mills School will seek to provide valuable trips and visits to a variety of destinations.**

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager (**D Lytham and E Adrio**) based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. **New Mills School** is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to **Mr Lytham**, Careers Leader. **Mr Lytham** may be contacted by telephone or email (email preferred), **dlytham@newmillsschool.co.uk** , Tel **01663 743284**.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that **New Mills School** is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with **New Mills School**.

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

New Mills School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or Careers Adviser will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

New Mills School will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his/her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to ***Mrs Adrio***, email: ***eadrio@newmillsschool.co.uk***

Mrs Adrio will raise the complaint to ***Mrs Heather Watts, Head teacher at New Mills School.***

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the careers lead and Senior leadership Team.

Policy Coordinator: Mr D Lytham

Policy Reviewed: November 2023

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into New Mills School to date include:

Aquinas Sixth Form College
Buxton and Leek College
Buxton Community College Sixth Form
Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form College
Macclesfield College
Manchester College
Salford city college
Stockport College
Poynton Sixth Form High School 6th Form
Elevated Knowledge (engineering apprenticeships)
Army
Police
DWP Support for Schools Programme
Stockport County FC
New Mills Leisure Centre
Access Creative College Manchester

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Breedon Group
Tarmac
High Peak Radio
Glossopdale Sixth Form
Huddersfield University

Destinations of previous pupils from INSERT Name of School include:

Apprenticeship (various)
Aquinas Sixth Form College
Ashton Sixth Form College
Buxton and Leek College
Buxton Community College Sixth
Form
Cheadle and Marple Sixth Form
College
Hope Valley College
Learning curve group
Loreto College
Macclesfield College
Manchester College
Reaseheath College
Salford city college
Stockport College
Tameside College
Xaverian college