
Aspire Provider Access Policy Statement

Aims

This policy statement sets out Aspire Schools' arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the Academy for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with Aspire Schools' legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

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 is outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#).

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

Opportunities for access

Our provision includes various opportunities for students to access a range of events. These are integrated into Aspire Schools' careers programme and curriculum as well as hosting or attending one off events that provide such opportunities. The integrated events are usually delivered internally, with contribution from external providers where necessary. The one off events, such as a college open day or an apprenticeship fair, are regularly advertised to our students and where appropriate we will arrange a visit, during the Academy day, for a select group of students to attend.

The Academy employs an independent and impartial careers adviser from an outside agent who works with Year 11 students to ensure they are able to make an informed choice about their next steps. The adviser will see all of our Year 11 cohort at least once, but where necessary repeat appointments can be made. We also employ an intensive careers adviser who works with students who have been identified at risk of NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). The adviser will inform students about the opportunities that other providers have, and when needed, they will complete application forms together for those selected college or apprenticeship placements.

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Head of Centre at The Wycombe Grange, Blueprint or Chiltern Skills and Enterprise Centre (CSEC) via the academy contact details.

Local providers are invited to key relevant events that are held at Aspire Schools. When holding a Year 11 or 13 parents evening we would, for example, invite apprenticeship providers, colleges, universities or other relevant groups. We encourage other providers who are interested in coming into the Academy to contact the appropriate Centre Manager to identify the most suitable opportunity.

Safeguarding

Aspire Schools policy on safeguarding sets out the Academy's approach to allowing providers into the Academy as visitors to talk to our students. At all times we ensure that there are no issues of safeguarding and that our students are always completely safe whilst meeting or speaking to external providers.

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors

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

Resources

Once visits have been agreed, the Academy will provide appropriate facilities to facilitate the visit, along with any equipment requested by the provider, where it is available. Sessions can be held in different venues according to the number of students and the requirements of the provider. Visits can be in the main hall, or sometimes in the class rooms with a smaller group. We also have the facility to deliver safe personalised sessions.

We are happy to work with providers to provide any resources we can that make their visit possible and we are happy to accommodate those that need to bring extra equipment into the Academy in order to showcase what they do.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature in reception for the attention of the Centre Manager who will bring it to the attention of all relevant students.

Links to other policies

- Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy
- Careers Guidance Policy
- Curriculum Policy

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