

Polesworth School Provider Access Statement

Introduction

This Access statement sets out how education and training providers are given access to students to allow information regarding their education/training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under section 42b of the Education Act (1997), the Baker Clause introduced in 2018, and the school's responsibilities outlined in the recently published government document Careers guidance and Access for Education and Training Providers (July 2021).

Provider Access Legislation January 2023

The provider access legislation is new guidance that came into force from January 2023. It is a key mechanism to further help learners understand and take-up, not just apprenticeships, but wider technical education options such as T-levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

The updated provider access legislation [PAL] specifies schools must provide at least six encounters for all their students:

- Two encounters for students during the "first phase" [year8 or 9].
- Two encounters for students during the "second phase" [year10 or 11].
- Two encounters for students during the "third phase" [year12 or 13].

In the context of the provider access legislation, a provider is an organisation that offers approved technical education qualifications such as colleges and training providers.

A provider, must deliver an encounter that includes the following:

- Information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships that the provider offers.
- Information about the careers to which those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead.
- A description of what learning or training with the provider is like.
- Responses to questions from the students about the provider or approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.

Management of provider requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr Chris Davis [Careers and Education Co-ordinator] on 01827 702205 and ask for the Careers department or e-mail c.davis@thepolesworthschool.com

Opportunities are provided through the school's careers programme, through assemblies and post 16 careers mornings.

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Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and any other relevant course or apprenticeship literature, which will be displayed in the Careers office, allowing students access to this before, during and after school.