



**ST. MARK'S CE SCHOOL**

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## **Provider Access Policy**

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**Introduction**

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997. This is sometimes referred to as The Baker Clause.

At St Mark's we seek to ensure that our students have the required skills and knowledge to be successful citizens in their adult years supported by our local employers and providers. (providers include higher educational colleges and universities, apprenticeship providers and Educational establishments providing T level courses).

### **Pupil entitlement**

Under provider access legislation all pupils in years 8-11 are entitled:

- *Changes to the provider access legislation (January 2023) includes the **minimum requirement to provide four encounters during year 8-11.** (taking place any time during Year 8 or between September 1 and February 28 in year 9. Another two 'encounters' must take place any time during Year 10 or between September 1 and February 28 in year 11.)*
- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships –through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

### **Management of provider access requests Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Stephanie Bryant - Executive Headteacher, St Mark's CE School: 023 80772968  
Email: [info@st-marks-southampton.org.uk](mailto:info@st-marks-southampton.org.uk)

Initial contact will be made with The Executive Headteacher, however this may be passed to another Leader of the school to arrange.

### **Opportunities for access**

As a growing secondary phase within the All Through school (currently only year 7 and 8) our careers offer is developing. If you are a provider wishing to deliver an encounter under PAL then time can be utilised within Collective worship (assembly) time or within Tutor sessions. The timings of these are 8am- 8.30am

### **Premises and facilities**

The school will make the Lecture Theatre, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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 Executive headteacher or delegated leader.

The school will give the provider a template in order to successfully deliver the encounter. This can be found on our website too.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature, to add to our careers library. The Careers Library is available to all students at lunch and break times and is located within the library.

### **Reason for Refusal to access**

There are a few reasons why we might not allow a provider to provide an encounter. These include:

- Providers that do not match our school vision and values and do not fulfill our equality or safeguarding requirements.
- The request is from an unregistered provider.
- It results in unwarranted disruption to the school or a student's access to the full curriculum entitlement.