Kemball School Provider Access Policy Statement

The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause" and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)

Kemball School – Orchard Community Trust

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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.

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.

We also have in mind the barriers in place for all our pupils due to their wide range of need. Our careers plan endeavours to support aspirations, advocate for our pupils and develop self-esteem and acknowledgement in their skills.

Commitment

Kemball 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. Kemball 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.

Kemball 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

Kemball 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

Kemball 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 planned annually to reflect the cohort and level of need. Please refer to careers policy and careers plan.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and SLT 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, Diversity and SEND.

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

Pupils will be supported at every level at our school to engage with careers learning. Differentiated activities and tasks will be provided and staff will use their knowledge of the pupils to develop their skills.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Emily Buttery, Careers Leader. Emily may be contacted by telephone or email, **ebuttery@kemballschool.co.uk**, Tel **01782 883120**.

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 Kemball School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Kemball School.

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

We 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 will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. If providers have an up-to-date DBS please bring this with you. Providers will not be left with pupils with Enhanced DBS.

Live/Virtual encounters

We will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Where this is not appropriate for the learners in person encounters will be requested.

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 her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to *Emily Buttery*, email: ebuttery@kemballschool.co.uk

Emily Buttery will raise the complaint to Lisa Hughes Head Teacher of Kemball School.

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually by Careers lead and SLT.

Policy Coordinator: Emily Buttery

Policy Reviewed: September 2023

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Kemball School:

Newfriars College May 2023 and September 2023

Abbey Hill College May 2023 and September 2023

Christ Austin May 2023

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Port Vale Foundation May 2023

Strathmore College

Regent College