



Benfield School

Careers: Provider Access Statement

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1. Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to pupils for the purpose of giving them information about their offer. It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access.
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access.
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access.

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access pupils in years 7 to 11 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these pupils.

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

This policy statement shows how our school complies with these requirements.

3. Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 7 to 11 at Benfield School are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of our careers programme, which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships, e.g. through activities and events such as options events, assemblies, and taster events, and be informed of the careers that such technical qualifications and apprenticeships can lead to.
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Rebecca Whillis, Deputy

Headteacher Telephone: 0191 2656091 Email: r.whillis@neatat.org.uk

4.2 Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into our careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Year 7	Green Careers Week Bespoke Careers Workshops	Bespoke careers workshop Internal careers fair with external provider NEAT Careers Week National Apprenticeship Week	Bespoke careers workshop

YEAR 8	Green Careers Week Bespoke Careers Workshop	Bespoke careers workshop Internal careers fair with external provide NEAT Careers Week National Apprenticeship Week	Bespoke careers workshop
YEAR 9	My big career events Green Careers Week Bespoke Careers Workshops	Key Stage 4 options event Internal careers fair with external provider Bespoke careers workshop NEAT Careers Week National Apprenticeship Week	Bespoke careers workshop
YEAR 10	NE1 insight sessions My big career events Green Careers Week Bespoke Careers Workshops	NE1 insight sessions Internal careers fair with external provider Bespoke careers workshop NEAT Careers Week National Apprenticeship Week My Big Career events	Work experience preparation sessions Work experience Bespoke careers workshop My Big Career events
YEAR 11	FE/HE provider talks Targeted NE1 insight sessions My big career events Green Careers Week Bespoke Careers Workshops	My Big Career events External trip to St James Careers fair Destination pathway FE/HE provider talks Bespoke careers workshop NEAT Careers Week National Apprenticeship Week	

Please speak to the PSHCE Lead or Personal Development Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity.

4.3 Granting and refusing access

Providers are prohibited from taking any personal information, including photos, of pupils/young people they have access to for the duration of their visit. Providers are prohibited from publishing any photos of pupils online.

Providers are permitted to reshare any online content, including photos, subject to it being first published by Benfield School.

4.4 Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors. Please see this policy for further information.

We use a lanyard system for staff and pupils to identify signed in guests on site:

- Dark blue – staff who have been hired and are employed by NEAT academy trust who have had all statutory checks from KCSIE .2024
- Green – DBS checked guest.
- Red – No DBS and must be always escorted.

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

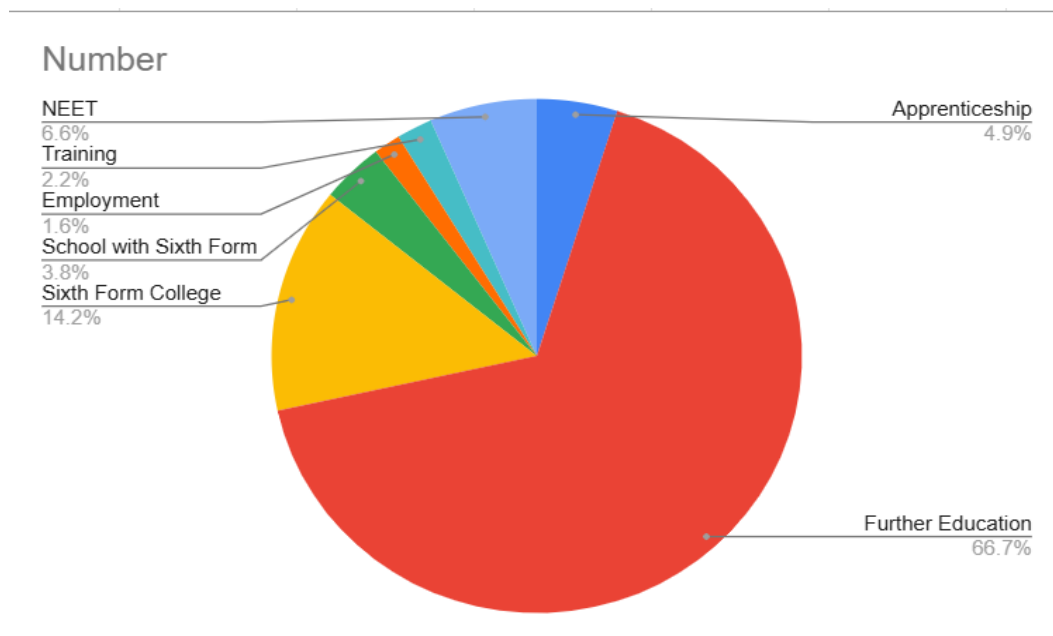
4.5 Premises and facilities

IT and other facilities to aid presentation will be available to visitors through prior arrangement with school.

5. Previous Providers

- Ask Apprenticeship Service
- Gateshead College
- Newcastle College
- Tynemet College
- RAF
- British Army
- Royal Navy
- Northern Rail
- Learning Curve Group
- Trinity Solutions
- British Engines
- Newcastle Building Society
- Bellway Homes
- Keepmoat Homes
- NHS Business Services
- CNTW NHS Foundation Trust
- Siemens
- Muckle LLP
- Civil Service

6. Pupil destinations



Destination	Number
Apprenticeship	9
Further Education	122
Sixth Form College	26
School with Sixth Form	7
Employment	3
Training	4
NEET	12

*NEET means not in education, employment or training

7. Complaints

Any complaints related to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure available on website or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

8. Links to other policies and documents (see website)

- Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy
- Personal Data Breach Procedure
- Data Protection Policy
- Curriculum documents

9. Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to pupils are monitored by the senior leadership team, and quality assured by the Headteacher.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the senior leadership team and the Link Governor for Careers. At every review, the policy will be approved by the Local Governing Committee.

