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## Provider Access Procedure

Blue Coat CE Secondary School

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## Document History

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Blue Coat Church of England School: Provider Access Procedure Statement  
(To include The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause" and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)  
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### 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.

### Commitment

Blue Coat 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. Blue Coat 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. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Blue Coat 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

The Blue Coat Provider Access Procedure 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**

Blue Coat 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 done in assemblies, lessons, and tutor times in addition to providers attending careers events at school and external careers related visits.

### **Development**

This procedure has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager 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 and Diversity**

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

### **Requests for access**

Requests for access should be directed to Michelle Cheshire, Careers Leader. Michelle Cheshire may be contacted by telephone or email, [m.cheshire@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:m.cheshire@bluecoatschool.com), Tel 02476223542.

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

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

Blue Coat School 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 or Careers Adviser will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

### **Live/Virtual encounters**

Blue Coat School will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

### **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 his/her senior management line manager.

## Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this procedure should be raised to Gemma Hathaway, email:

[g.hathaway@bluecoatschool.com](mailto:g.hathaway@bluecoatschool.com)

Gemma Hathaway will raise the complaint to Lisa Henden, Headteacher of Blue Coat School.

## Monitoring review and evaluation

The procedure is monitored and evaluated annually via the Senior Leadership Team.

*Procedure Coordinator: Michelle Cheshire*

*Procedure Reviewed: January 2026*

## Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Blue Coat School to date include:

Coventry University	Coventry City Council
Coventry College	Heat of England Training
C&W Chamber Training	Warwickshire College Group
Future Pro Football Academy	Sky Blues in the Community
The Army	Royal Air Force
JCB Skills Training	MGTS
Royal Navy	University Hospital C&W NHS Trust
Cambridge University	SCCT

Destinations of previous pupils from Blue Coat School include:

Coventry College	Warwickshire College Group
BOA	WMG Academy
King Edwards 6 <sup>th</sup> Nuneaton	Solihull College
Stratford College	Coventry University
Nottingham Trent University	Future Pro Football Academy
Caludon Castle School	Warwick University

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