FAIRMEAD SCHOOL
Provider Access Policy Statement

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1. Purpose

This statement sets out Fairmead School's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to young people for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications, supported internships, further education options and apprenticeship opportunities.

This policy complies with Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the Department for Education statutory guidance updated in June 2026. [gov.uk]

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2. Commitment

Fairmead School is committed to providing young people with opportunities to learn about the full range of post-school pathways available to them including:

- Further education colleges
- Apprenticeships
- Supported internships
- Independent training providers
- Employment pathways
- Volunteering opportunities

Information will be presented impartially and in a manner appropriate to the individual needs of young people. [gov.uk].

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3. Pupil Entitlement

All young people will have opportunities to:

- Learn about technical education qualifications.
- Learn about apprenticeships.
- Meet education and training providers.
- Understand future learning pathways.
- Ask questions directly to providers.
- Access information about progression opportunities.

These encounters will be meaningful, age-appropriate and linked to the wider careers programme.

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4. Provider Encounters & Opportunities for Access

Fairmead School will provide opportunities for meaningful encounters with approved providers through:

- Careers fairs
- World of Work week
- Careers assemblies
- Employer talks
- College visits
- Classroom activities
- Transition events
- Small-group workshops
- Parent information events

Additional opportunities may be arranged by agreement. All young people in the relevant year groups will receive provider encounters in accordance with current statutory requirements.

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5. Management of Provider Access Requests

Providers seeking access should contact:

Shaun France
Assistant Headteacher and Careers Leader

Telephone: 01935 421295

Email: office@fairmeadschool.com

Providers are encouraged to contact the school at least six weeks before a proposed event.

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6. Facilities Available

Providers may be offered access to:

- Classrooms
- Meeting rooms
- Assembly spaces
- ICT facilities
- Presentation equipment

Support can also be provided by school staff to ensure accessibility for young people.

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8. Safeguarding

All visitors are required to comply with the school's safeguarding and visitor procedures.

The welfare of young people remains paramount.

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9. Monitoring Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Careers Leader/Senior Leadership Team to ensure continued compliance with statutory guidance and best practice.
