



Windsor Park CE Middle School

Learning for Life
"Teach me good judgement and knowledge"
Psalm 119:66

Provider Access Policy

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RESPECT 'clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience'

RESILIENCE 'I can do anything through Christ who strengthens me'

RESPONSIBILITY 'for God gave us a spirit not a fear, but a power and love and self-control'

OUR VISION

Learning for Life

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Psalms 119:66

As an inclusive Church of England school, who aim to provide transformational experiences for all God’s children within our care, the teachings of Jesus are at the heart of all we do. Whilst striving for excellence, we celebrate achievement in all its forms encouraging pupils and staff to live life in all its glory and flourish.

OUR MISSION

- 1. Encourage all children irrespective of background or ability to fulfil their God-given potential and flourish. Our broad and balanced curriculum takes a holistic approach to education ensuring that spirituality, emotional intelligence, physical development, academic excellence and social skills are developed creatively across a range of school subjects.*
- 2. Deliver a safe space for children to develop philosophical and theological thinking through Religious Education as a core subject; delivering inspirational lessons which bestow upon pupils the skills to understand Christianity as a living and diverse faith, whilst teaching a knowledge and respect of other faiths and world views.*
- 3. Value education in its widest sense; building on our history and Christian foundations, making the most of today in order that we can make even more of tomorrow and the days, weeks, months and years that lie ahead. This is Learning for Life: ‘teach me good judgement and knowledge’ Psalms 119:66*
- 4. Foster respect for all God’s children; embracing difference and diversity and teaching all to live well together in an inclusive, welcoming community, supporting each other to remove or cross barriers and live with dignity and respect.*
- 5. Reinforce the Christian values and beliefs that will make our children good people: kind, honest, forgiving and courageous.*
- 6. Care deeply about our pupils’ and staff wellbeing and mental health, appreciating that it is the genuine quality of relationships that matter. We strive to support each other to flourish, achieving happiness and fulfilment.*
- 7. Encourage our pupils to approach local and global communities with a deep sense of integrity, justice, responsibility and courageous advocacy; identifying and challenging injustice.*
- 8. Collaborate primarily with St Mary the Virgin church to share the teachings of Jesus through inspirational collective worship. Develop, deliver and evaluate opportunities for pupils and adults to express spirituality through varied worship experiences.*
- 9. Encourage and nurture exploration, creativity and compassion with unlimited and unbounded energy. At Windsor Park learning is not a spectator sport.*

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.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in Years 8-13 are entitled:

- 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.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (Year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers.
- explain what career routes those options could lead to.
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider).
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the Making it Meaningful checklist. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Stoke City FC
- Tim Fuller – DBC Training
- Severn Trent Water

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Annie Grattage, Executive Headteacher, on 01889 563365, or by email: headteacher@wpms.i2e.or.guk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (only one is required in Year 8 at WPMS) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to Annie Grattage to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. There may also be the opportunity of a more bespoke response to your request i.e. a special event to accommodate your needs.

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer Term
Year 7	Careers Assembly PHSEE Lessons	Careers Assembly PHSEE Lessons Career Week	Careers Assembly PHSEE Lessons Parent's Evening
Year 8	Careers Assembly PHSEE Lessons	Careers Assembly PHSEE Lessons Parent's Evening Career Week	Careers Assembly PHSEE Lessons

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, 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 Careers Leader or a member of their team.

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Destinations of our Pupils

Last year our Year 8 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after leaving Windsor Park, these were:

- Thomas Alleyne's High School
- JCB Academy

Complaints:

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