

# **Gateacre School**

## **Provider Access Policy Statement**

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

**Ownership:** Gateacre School

**Date updated:** January 2023

### **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**

Gateacre 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. Gateacre 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.

Gateacre 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).

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### **Aims**

Gateacre School's 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**

Gateacre 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 through visits to the school's Careers Fair, career related events and assemblies throughout the year.

### **Development**

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager, Mr Gareth Jones Headteacher 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. Gateacre School is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

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### Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Gateacre School's Careers Leader, Joanne Boyd . Joanne Boyd may be contacted by telephone or email [j.boyd@gateacre.org](mailto:j.boyd@gateacre.org) Tel 0151 363 1111

### Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers lessons, Gateacre Careers Fair , and other careers or raising Aspirations events that Gateacre School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of a trip or visit to be organised in partnership with Gateacre School .

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

Gateacre School will provide an appropriate room or assembly theatre to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged where available. 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

Gateacre School will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly theatre. 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 The Headteacher, Mr Gareth Jones

### Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Mrs Joanne Boyd, email:

[j.boyd@gateacre.org](mailto:j.boyd@gateacre.org)

**Joanne Boyd** will raise the complaint to **Mr G.Jones** , Headteacher **Gateacre School**

### Monitoring review and evaluation

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

**Policy Coordinator: Mrs Joanne Boyd . Policy Reviewed: January 2023**

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### Appendix

**Providers who have been invited into Gateacre School to date include:**

Hugh Baird College	The Talent Foundry	Liverpool John Moores University	BBC
City of Liverpool College	Be more apprenticeships	University of Liverpool	PWC
Riverside College	Rocket Training	Liverpool Hope University	DWP
Cronton Sixth Form college	GMPLF	Bangor University	Civil Service
Myserscough College	Learning Foundry	LIPA	Merseyside Police
Steven Gerrard Academy	Knowsley Apprentice	BIMM	CPS
Employability Solutions	Jarvis Training Management	Chester University	RAF
Liverpool Media Academy	Aecom	Edge Hill University	The Army
Myerscough College	SEETEC	Wrexham Glyndwr University	RAF
St Helens College	Rare Studio performing arts		Job Centre Plus
Everton Football College	Rare school of Fashion and art		Ministry of Justice
David Campbell Soccer	Robbie Fowler Education	St Helens Chamber	The Royal Navy
Liverpool Football college	Asset Training	NHS	NHS Careers

**Destinations of previous Year 11 pupils from Gateacre School include:**

- Gateacre School
- Riverside College
- Cronton Sixth Form College
- City of Liverpool College
- St Helens College
- Carmel sixth Form College
- Rare School of Fashion
- Carmel College
- Knowsley College
- Hybrid Technical Services Training provider
- Steven Gerrard Academy

**Destinations of previous Year 13 pupils from Gateacre School include:**

- Liverpool John Moores U
- University of Liverpool
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Liverpool Hope University

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- BIMM
- Lancaster University
- Swansea university
- University of Sussex
- Bangor University
- University of Bolton
- Aberystwyth University
- University of Lincoln
- University of Sheffield
- LMA
- University of Warwick

### **Approval and review**

**Approved** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Next review:** May 2024