**Application for Provider Access**

**Introduction**

This document 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.

• 2 encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9)

o All pupils must attend

o Encounters can take place any time during year 8, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 9

• 2 encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11)

o All pupils must attend

o Encounters can take place any time during year 10, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 11

• 2 encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13)

o Pupils can choose to attend

o Encounters can take place any time during year 12, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 13

**Management of provider access requests**

**Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Tina Chance (Careers Lead) or Stewart Harris (Assistant Head Teacher)

Telephone: 0121 569 7080

Email: [Tina.Chance@themeadows.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:Tina.Chance@themeadows.sandwell.sch.uk)

Email: [Stewart.Harris@themeadows.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:Stewart.Harris@themeadows.sandwell.sch.uk)

**Opportunities for access**

The school offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme and an overview of this programme can be seen in the School’s Careers Charter which can be seen on the school website.

Please speak to our Careers Advisor to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available ICT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Advisor or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Advisor so that they can be displayed in the Careers area of the school intervention Hub.