



CALDEW SCHOOL

Provider Access Legislation (PAL) Policy Statement – September 2025

1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out Caldew School's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.

2. Statutory Requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access all students in Years 8 to 13. This complies with the school's legal obligations under:

- Section 42B of the Education Act 1997
- The Baker Clause (2018)
- Provider Access Legislation (2023)

3. Student Entitlement

All students in Years 8 to 13 are entitled to:

- Learn about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships as part of a careers programme.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer.
- Understand how to apply for the full range of academic and technical courses.

4. Key Encounter Requirements

Caldew school will ensure that students receive six provider encounters:

- Years 8 or 9: Two mandatory encounters
- Years 10 or 11: Two mandatory encounters
- Years 12 or 13: Two encounters (mandatory for the school to offer, optional for students to attend)

Each encounter must:

- Be scheduled during normal school hours
- Be with different providers (not repeated)
- Include meaningful information about qualifications, career routes, and training experiences

5. Management of Provider Requests

Providers wishing to request access should contact:

Careers Leader: Cheryl Eastburn

Email: Cheryl.Eastburn@caldew.cumbria.sch.uk

Phone: 01228 710044

Requests will be considered based on:

- Relevance to student needs
- Availability of facilities
- Alignment with the school's CEIAG programme

6. Facilities for Access

The school will make the following facilities available:

- Assembly halls, classrooms, and IT suites
- Audio-visual equipment for presentations
- Online engagement platforms where appropriate

7. Monitoring and Review

This policy is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and ratified by the Governing Body.

Reviewed on 25th September 2024 by Governors at Student Welfare and Guidance Committee

Approved on 20th November 2023 by FGB.

Next Review – September 2026

Signed: Mrs Jennie Wilkinson, Chair of Governors

Ms Vicki Jackson, Head Teacher