

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Policy



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Careers Lead for Groveside School is Mary Rome .

Careers education and guidance programs make a major contribution to preparing young people for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of life. A planned progressive program of activities supports them in choosing pathways that suit their interests and abilities and help them to follow a career path and sustain employability throughout their working lives.

2.0 COMMITMENT

Our school is committed to providing our pupils with a program of careers education, information, advice and guidance (IAG) for all pupils in years 7–11 which is impartial and effective. Pupils in Year 3-6 receive age-appropriate carers education through their main curriculum offer. We aim to support the aspirations of our pupils and ensure that they gain the understanding, skills and experience to make progress and succeed in learning and work.

Groveside school endeavours to follow the Careers guidance and access for education and training providers (DfE, 2018 & May 2025 updates) and other relevant guidance from QCA and Ofsted as it appears.

The school has a member of staff dedicated to careers education and IAG. We provide pupils with the knowledge, information and skills to make informed choices about suitable courses at school, college and other providers. The service enables pupils to receive accurate information, advice and guidance about the options open to them and the progression routes to which those options lead.

3.0 AIM

We want our pupils to experience a careers curriculum that establishes a growing knowledge and awareness of the world of work and what they, as young people, can aim for as they prepare for adulthood and Post 16 transition. This includes delivering a breadth of opportunities and experiences that our pupils can start to build their own future pathways on. As we aim to do this, we are also fully aware of the impact of the inherent difficulties our pupils have due to the nature of their needs and diagnosis and look to how we can start to overcome these barriers, working alongside them.

3.1 What will our pupils experience throughout their career curriculum?

1. Access to careers learning from Year 3 onwards - learning that is linked through their curriculum provision and explicitly delivered sessions.
2. A careers curriculum that has contributions and feedback from them, their families, school staff and external employers
3. Engagement with many different employers throughout Year 7 to Year 11 in variety of formats such as assemblies, visits, talks, project work, careers events
4. Unbiased careers advice and support from a career's advisor
5. Working with them and their families as they prepare for their future and for life after education.
6. Staff who are committed to and passionate about helping them develop as they make key decisions and prepare for their future pathways

3.2 Why do we want this?

1. We want our pupils to know their skills and strengths; know what they are good at and what they find hard.
2. We want our pupils to work towards independent living and working.
3. We want them to have hope and optimism, adaptability and resilience.
4. We want our pupils to have access to, and engagement in, decent work in all its forms (personal, gift and paid)
5. We want our pupils to learn and make progress so they can thrive and experience success in their future pathways.
6. We want our pupils to pursue and value their own wellbeing and happiness

3.3 How will we deliver this?

1. Pupils will have access to a careers curriculum from Year 7 onward and this will be routinely monitored and evaluated to ensure it is fit for purpose.
2. Pupils will be presented with opportunities to meet and talk with previous pupils to find out about their experiences and aspirations.
3. Close working relationship with our Careers Advisor to support mentoring pupils in KS4.
4. Experiences of different workplaces and environments
5. Meaningful encounters with the world of work Careers fairs and skills workshops

3.4 What will success look like for our pupils?

1. Pupils will have a successful transition on from Year 11 into Post 16
2. Pupils will have had experience of a wide range of opportunities, interests and options so they are best placed to make informed decisions about their future choices.
3. Pupils will develop the skills needed for them to be employable, whether that is voluntarily or paid.
4. Pupils will know the value of having work and commitments in their lives.
5. Pupils will know that they have a valued and important part to play in the world in which they live, and they can and are motivated to contribute to society in a way which best suits their interests and skills.
6. Pupils will know about and make use of the range of support and advice that is available to them in order to support their choices and decision making.

4.0 PUPIL ENTITLEMENT

Careers Education and guidance (CEG) is an important component of the 11-16 Curriculum, we fully support the statutory requirement for a program of careers education in Years 7–13. Pupils have access to a group careers program. This gives them the opportunity to explore the different careers, qualifications and learning routes. Pupils also have direct careers meetings and the attendance of or CEG lead at PEP's, LACS and EHC reviews.

4.1 Equality and Diversity

Careers education is provided to all pupils and provision is made to allow all pupils to access the curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to follow career paths that suit their interests, skills and strengths with the absence of stereotypes. All pupils are provided with the same opportunities and diversity is celebrated. Due to us having our own on-site careers lead, we provide excellent knowledge of our pupils needs and can tailor our approach in line with EHCP needs.

5.0 CURRICULUM DELIVERY

5.1 Year 3-6

At Key Stage 2, pupils encounter experiences of careers and job roles through the citizenship element of the Myself. Relationships and Staying Safe Curriculum.

5.2 Year 7

The focus is about introducing careers and thinking about the vast number of careers/jobs available. How a business runs, qualities and skills that employers look for as well as and rights and responsibilities in the world of work.

5.3 Year 8

The focus is linking our plans and dreams to reality. Identifying a support network when considering careers and recognising health and safety risks.

5.4 Year 9

The focus is self-assessment, considering own strengths, stereotyping and discrimination as well as career paths and options post 14.

5.5 Year 10

The focus is work experience including preparation, implementation and evaluation. Not all pupils undertake work experience outside school due to their vulnerability and increased risk. Many will undertake work experience within the school, and this can be part of project work in vocational subjects. All work experience placements are assessed with regards to suitability and health and safety.

5.6 Year 11

The focus is post 16 options and the application process. There will be visits to other educational/training providers, places of work, career fairs and also job centres and business enterprise specialists.

In addition to the year group specific Careers programme we organise visitor to the school to talk to the pupils about their career choices and journeys to offer a wide yet informal source of information and to provide opportunities for discussion and questioning.

6.0 WORK EXPERIENCE

6.1 The value of work experience

- **Social Skills**

Pupils will be able to experience working as part of a group and learning to work with new people and adults in a work situation.

- **Personal Development**

Work experience will help pupils understand the different roles and respond to different routines.

They can practice decision-making skills, be responsible for their own actions and the effect these actions have on others.

Pupils will develop communication skills in different contexts.

Work experience can play an important role in the development of pupil's self-image and maturity.

Work experience should enable pupils to experience the success and frustrations of seeing a project through to completion.

- **Knowledge and Understanding**

Pupils will be aware of the disciplines of work and the differences that exist between school and work.

Pupils will see the effect of new technology and gain knowledge of Health and Safety issues.

6.2 Aim of Work Experience:

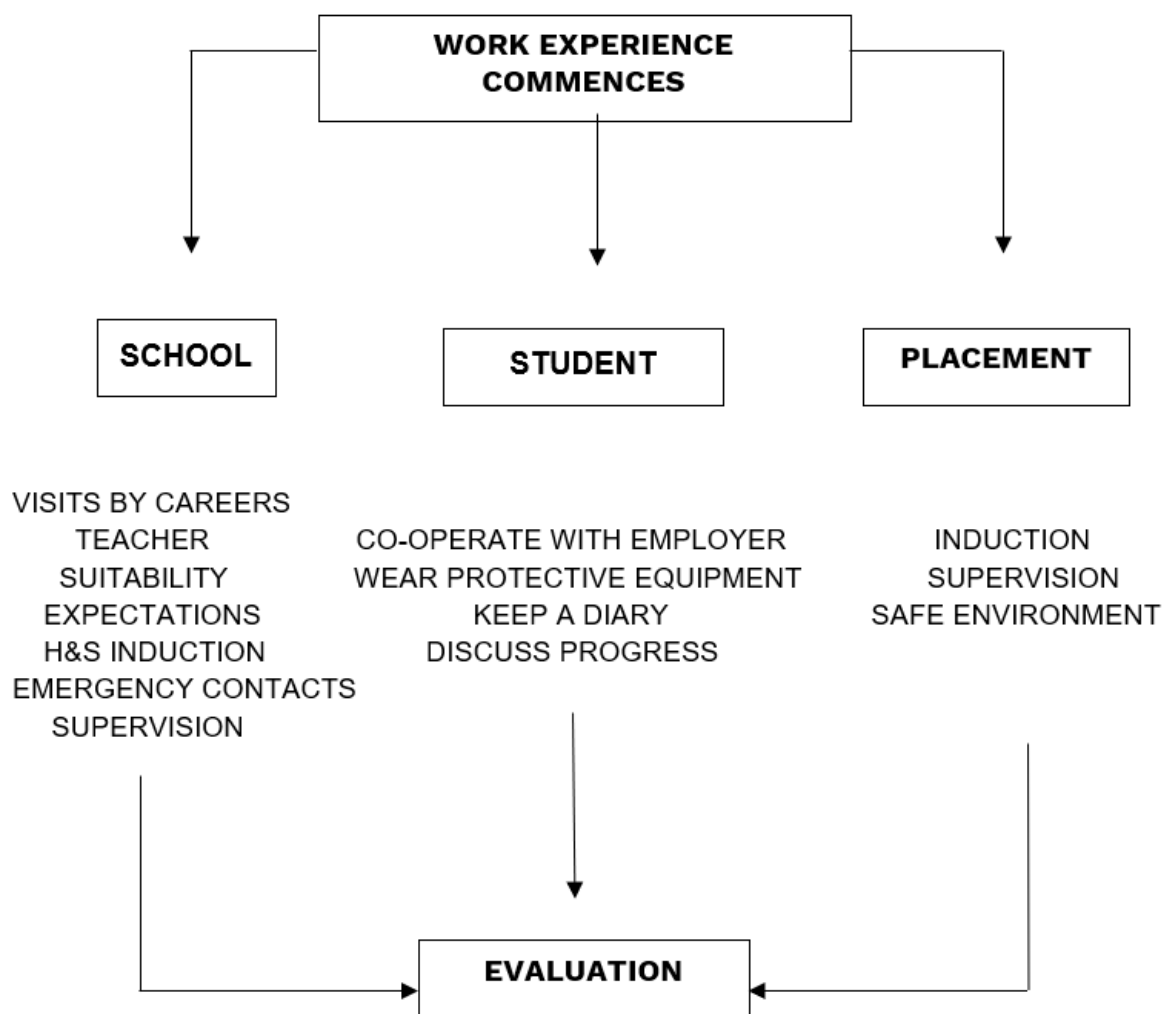
- To support and encourage an integrated work experience program.
- To enable the development and learning of pupils
- To provide pupils with records/documents to provide evidence of their experience.
- To ensure all placements are safe and secure.
- To provide pupils with direct experience of the world of work
- To give pupils the experience of relationships, routines and processes that are part of a working environment.
- To develop work related skills
- To contribute towards approved vocational and academic qualifications where necessary.
- To prepare pupils for adult and working life
- To encourage pupils to widen their horizons by viewing work experience as an opportunity to sample non-traditional areas of work.
- To prepare pupils by discussing equal opportunities
- To make clear the roles and responsibilities of all involved in work experience.
- Work experience can provide an excellent opportunity for pupils to develop an understanding of what an employer will expect of them and so enhance their employability.
- Various patterns and length of work experience placements need to be flexible to ensure that the learning needs of our pupils are met.
- The work will be appropriate to the pupil's capabilities.
- There will be an adequate level of supervision provided throughout the placement.
- Placements are assessed for risks and insurance checked.

6.3 Stages of Work Experience Program

1. Pupil to meet with Careers Teacher to discuss and identify a pupil's choice of placement.
2. Meeting with school staff and care staff. Risk assessment carried out.
3. Careers Teacher to make contact with suitable establishments, insurance checks and risk assessment.
4. Attendance – Pupils may benefit from a block week/week's attendance. Some pupils may benefit from several one-day placements over a period of time to build their confidence and to prepare them for an extended period. For others the most appropriate way to meet their needs may be a pattern of one day a week over several weeks.
5. Diary/logbook to be kept by the pupil, showing what tasks are carried out each visit.

6. Career Teacher to visit a pupil in placement.
7. **Evaluation** – we need to evaluate the placement. We should discuss with the pupil what they did, identify skills they have improved and acknowledge what they have learned.
8. **Follow up** – letter of thank you to be sent to employers.
9. **Evaluation** – evaluate the success of the placement.

6.4 Supporting Young People on Work Experience



7.0 PARENTS AND CARERS

Parental involvement is encouraged at all stages. Online resources have been specifically chosen to help parents become more involved. Parents / carers are kept up to date with careers related information through letters and newsletters relating to local events, and the CEG of each pupil's academic report. Parents / carers are welcome at careers interviews and where necessary are invited. Regular updates are also given at reviews (EHCP, PEP, and LAC)

8.0 STAFFING

All staff contribute to CEG through their roles as tutors and subject teachers.

The Careers program is planned, monitored and evaluated by the Careers Teacher.

The careers teacher will liaise and consult with the Group Careers Advisor to ensure that specialist career guidance is available when required.

9.0 MONITORING, REVIEWING AND EVALUATION

Careers Education is monitored and evaluated annually via the Deputy and Headteacher. Careers Guidance is monitored and evaluated annually through discussion with key staff and pupils and appropriate observation of activities by the SLT.

When reviewing the program, the School Development Plan (SDP) is used to ensure that the Careers provision is fully supporting whole school aims.

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Statement of entitlement

As a pupil of Groveside School, you are entitled to receive a program of careers education, advice, information and guidance.

Your Careers Education and Guidance program will help you to:

- Understand yourself, your interests, likes and dislikes, what you are good at and how this affects the choices you make.
- Find out about different courses, what qualifications you might need and what opportunities there might be.
- Develop the skills you may need for working life.
- Make realistic, but ambitious, choices about courses and jobs.
- Develop a plan of action for the future.
- Understand the different routes after Year 11 including training, further and higher education and jobs.
- Be able to make effective applications for jobs, training and further and higher education.
- Develop your interview skills.
- Improve your confidence.

You will receive:

- Careers lessons
- Guided tutor time
- Access to the career's interviews
- Interviews with the groups qualified advisors.
- Work experience where appropriate
- Other subject lessons linked to careers.

You can expect to be:

- Treated equally with others.
- Given careers information and advice that is up to date and impartial.
- Treated with respect by visitors to the school who are part of the careers program.