

DIRECTORS' REPORT SPRING TERM 2019	ITEM NO 5	FOR INFORMATION/ FOR ACTION	ATTENTION OF: Secondary governors
TITLE	Careers guidance – school compliance		
SUMMARY	The government published a new national careers strategy in December 2017. This has been followed by new statutory guidance for secondary schools to improve careers provision. (January 2018)		
KEY ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a careers leader post with a careers leader named on the school website – by 1st September 2018 • Have in place a 'stable and structured' careers programme. This programme should fully reflect the eight Gatsby Benchmarks - by 2020 • School must now provide careers education to all pupils in years 8 to 13. This includes opportunities in technical qualifications and apprenticeships, at providers such as further education colleges and training providers 		
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The requirements are set out in the DfE statutory guidance issued 8 January 2018. The guidance applies to all schools with pupils in within years 8-13

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/careers-guidance-provision-for-young-people-in-schools>

This guidance follows on from the publication of the government's careers strategy. 'Making the most of everyone's skills and talents' published 4 December 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/careers-strategy-making-the-most-of-everyones-skills-and-talents>

Main points

The purpose of the guidance is to help schools deliver a careers programme, 'that is stable, structured and delivered by individuals with the right skills and experience.' The guidance has been structured around the 'Gatsby benchmarks' which set out eight areas of careers provision. Schools should have provision in place which meets all eight benchmarks by 2020. There is more detail about the Gatsby system in the DfE guidance document referenced above and at: <http://www.goodcareerguidance.org.uk/>

There is also an additional document which sets out the role of a school Careers Leader

https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk/sites/default/files/uploaded/careers_leader_prospectus_schools_0.pdf

Every school should publish, on its website, its careers programme and the name and contact details of its careers leader. This should now be in place. There is also a legal duty on schools to facilitate providers of post-14 education and training to inform all pupils about approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships. This applies to years 8 to 13. The school must have a policy for provider access. Local colleges and Apprenticeship providers should be able to talk to all students about alternative post-16 pathways.

There is a specific role for the governing board. The guidance states that, 'Every school should have a member of their governing board who takes a strategic interest in careers education and guidance and encourages employer engagement.'

Accountability in respect of careers provision is through pupil destinations data and Ofsted inspections. More information about school destinations can be found at this link and in your school's new 'Inspection Data Summary Report'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/destinations-of-ks4-and-ks5-pupils-2016>