

Path Hill Outdoors

Ending a Placement Procedure

Status:	Updated Policy Date:	Scheduled Review:
Non-statutory	September 2025	September 2027

Reasons for Placement

Students are referred to Path Hill Outdoors for 1 to 1 provision for one of the following reasons:

- a) To support a student in maintaining a placement in mainstream school
- b) As part of an educational package whilst students await a placement at a special school
- c) As part of an educational package for students in another alternative provision or special school
- d) As part of an educational package (usually including some home tutoring) for students in KS4 who do not attend any other school and Path Hill provides a pathway into post-16 education or work experience.

See our Admissions Policy.

Reasons for Ending a Placement

The optimum outcome for a student and for their smooth move to their next setting is a planned transition from Path Hill Outdoors with as much advance notice as possible. Sudden unplanned endings do not give students an opportunity to say goodbye to staff and other students and do not allow us to prepare the student for the move and support the success of any change.

Planned Transitions:

These can take the form of -

- Transition from primary to secondary
- Secondary to post 16 (further education, apprenticeship, employment)
- Change to school setting
- Planned move from area
- Student decision that they are ready to move on
- Path Hill decision that the student is ready to move on

Unplanned Endings:

- Non-attendance and disengagement from programme. See our attendance procedures.
- Path Hill Outdoors is not the appropriate placement. This can become apparent even after a visit and the referral process. Though this does not occur often, behaviours that are dangerous to others and/or frequent absconding are not suited to our open environment.

- Non-disclosure of relevant information by the referrers which could place our staff and other students in potentially risky situations.
- Sudden move from area/change in family circumstances
- Funding stops/referrers do not notify Path Hill of the ending of the placement

Preparing for a planned transition

A planned move from Path Hill will always involve a discussion between the student, parents/carers, the referrer and Path Hill Outdoors.

Path Hill Outdoors will

- Ensure all agencies involved in the student's placement are aware of end date and the role of Path Hill in the smooth transition.
- Visit / liaise with the next placement and encourage a visit to Path Hill so that the student can be observed in situ.
- Pass on all relevant documents produced by Path Hill such as termly reports, wellbeing surveys and any safeguarding information.
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- Put together a portfolio with AQA certificates, other accreditations, photos, references (if post 16) for the student to take with them when they leave.
- A last day with a celebration of their time at Path Hill with students and staff

Post 16 transitions

The programme for students in Year 11 is focused on their next steps - post 16. During this year we start a work experience programme with them – this can be work on our site, practical tasks elsewhere on Hardwick Estate or accompanied work in the wider community. Such activities include;

- Gardening at a local elderly person's house
- Painting, building and maintenance work on our site
- Producing and selling charcoal
- Producing products from wood and metal for sale
- Animal husbandry on Hardwick Estate
- Mentoring younger students

Early in Year 11 we will commence with the compiling of their leaving portfolio focusing on gaining qualifications, evidencing their successes and ensuring every Year 11 student leaves Path Hill with a well presented and complete account of their time at the centre that they will take home with pride ready to show future employers and educators.

When a student leaves we encourage them to visit Path Hill Outdoors to let us know about their progress. This is another opportunity to get feedback from our students – particularly useful as there has been time to reflect on the influence of Path Hill on their current circumstances.

Reviewed by

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Julia Warwick- Director September 2025