



Joint Statement of Intent: Milton Keynes College Group and Walnuts

Milton Keynes College Group is committed to providing high-quality Further Education that meets the diverse needs of our learners. We recognise that subcontracting can be a valuable tool to enhance our offer and ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experiences. This statement outlines our principles and procedures for subcontracting.

Reasons for Subcontracting:

We consider subcontracting for various reasons, including:

- Enhances the opportunities available for students.
- Fills gaps in expert provision or provides better access to training facilities.
- Offers an entry point for disadvantaged groups.
- Gives consideration of the impact on individuals with shared protected characteristics, where there might otherwise be gaps.

Walnuts gives consideration of the impact on individuals with shared protected characteristics, where there might otherwise be gaps. Walnuts would be unable to support the students they do without our contract, and we would not be able to provide the same level of service that they do out in the community, the partnership is essential to enable this provision to continue.

Selection of Subcontractors:

We have a robust process for selecting subcontractors, ensuring:

- Alignment with our values and educational mission.
- Strong track record of delivering high-quality education.
- Financial stability and compliance with relevant regulations.
- Clear understanding of our expectations and quality standards.

Management of Subcontracted Provision:

We maintain effective oversight of all subcontracted provision to guarantee student welfare and educational quality. This includes:

- Clear and detailed contracts outlining roles, responsibilities, and expectations.
- Regular communication and monitoring of performance, with all meetings documented.
- Quality assurance processes aligned with the ESFA Subcontracting Standard.
- Learner feedback mechanisms to ensure their voices are heard.

Commitment to Quality:

We are committed to ensuring that all subcontracted provision meets the same high standards as our directly delivered programs. We achieve this through:

- Collaborative quality assurance processes.
- Sharing of best practices and resources with subcontractors.
- Regular reviews and audits of subcontractor performance, through the IQR process