

Provider Access Policy



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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil Entitlement

All pupils in years 8-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through careers and transition events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events;
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

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Opportunities for access

A number of events and activities, integrated into the school careers programme will offer accredited providers an opportunity to come into school and speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

At Sidestrand Hall School and Sixth Form we hold providers events where providers are invited to attend and speak to students and parents and carers about their courses.

We arrange visits each year to different post 16 colleges and providers for our students to look at the range of courses on offer.

There are careers themed days where providers are invited into school to talk to our students about courses they may like to consider in the future.

There is a Providers Event held for year 10 and 11 students where accredited providers are invited in to have a display and speak to parents, carers and students about the courses they have on offer.

In the case of not being able to offer these opportunities as a face-to-face event or activity due to Covid restrictions, we will explore and implement alternatives through a virtual approach instead.

Please speak to our Transition Co-ordinator to discuss this in more detail and to identify the most suitable opportunity.

Premises and facilities

Where appropriate, the school will arrange for suitable rooms to be available for discussions between the provider and students or to facilitate a virtual discussion. The school will also make available specialist equipment needed such as screens and computers to support the provider presentations where possible. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Transition Co-ordinator.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus at the school which will be made available to students as appropriate. Information is also displayed about different providers on the transition board, for students to look at during their careers appointments.