



Provider Access Policy

Member of Staff Responsible: Lead Teacher of Careers
via Headteacher

Date policy was previously approved:

Review Date: September 2024

Approved by KMA on behalf of SLT on 04/04/2023
Approved by Jean Horton CofG on behalf of the GB 18/04/2023

‘This policy was reviewed and has been impact assessed in the light of all other school policies including the Disability Equality Scheme.’

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school’s arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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 to 11 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships 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 options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the making it meaningful checklist.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Various local sixth forms • Juniper Training • ASK Apprenticeships • Chesterfield College
- United Cast Bar • White Rose Beauty College • HEPP

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- 62% of pupils are now studying at Chesterfield College.
- 26% of pupils chose to move to 6th forms, including Tupton Hall, Brookfield and DHFS.
- The remainder of pupils chose a range of destinations, including apprenticeships and training providers.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Mr Matthew Gould – mgould@parkside.derbyshire.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents/carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations.

This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils at lunch and break times.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company.

Approval and review

Approved [date] by the ??? on behalf of the Governing Body

To be approved by the Learning and Standards Committee on 5 June 2023

Next review: as above

Signed:

[name] Governor

[name] Headteacher