

Provider Access Policy Statement – Parkside House School

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, we have a duty to provide pupils in Years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, e.g. technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, one-to-one discussions, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

Who handles our access requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact our careers leader or SLT, Belinda Young on 0191 216 1051 or via email on admin@parksidehouseschool.co.uk

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	Group careers session with James Carr	Parents Evening - James Carr Connexions Advisor is available to book an appointment with	One-to-One careers meeting with Matthew Slee
Year 9	Group Careers session with James Carr	Parents Evening - James Carr Connexions Advisor is available to book an appointment with	One-to-One careers meeting with Matthew Slee
Year 10	EHCP Review One-to-One careers meeting with James Carr	Parents Evening - James Carr Connexions Advisor is available to book an appointment with Group Careers Session	One-to-One careers meeting with Matthew Slee
Year 11	EHCP Review One-to-One careers meeting with James Carr	Parents Evening - James Carr Connexions Advisor is available to book an appointment with Group Careers session	One-to-One careers meeting with Matthew Slee

Year 12	EHCP Review One-to-One careers meeting with James Carr	Parents Evening - James Carr Connexions Advisor is available to book an appointment with Group Careers session	One-to-One careers meeting with Matthew Slee
Year 13	EHCP Review One-to-One careers meeting with James Carr	Parents Evening - James Carr Connexions Advisor is available to book an appointment with Group Careers session	One-to-One careers meeting with Matthew Slee

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers leader to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Guest Speaker Policy set out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

What are the rules for granting and refusing access requests?

We will grant access requests that meet the following criteria:

- **They are suitable for the nature of our pupils**
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What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make the school hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Can providers leave prospectuses for pupils to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the careers leader

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