

Wightwick Hall School
Provider Access Policy Statement

1. 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 is in accordance with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

2. Pupil entitlement

Under the Baker Clause, all pupils in Years 8-13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers program which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each stage of transition
- 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.

3. Management of provider access requests

3.1 Procedure:

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr Raphael James, our Careers Lead.

Tel: 01902 761889

Email: r.james@wightwickhall.staffs.sch.uk

3.2 Opportunities for access:

Under normal circumstances the school would welcome any approach from all providers to have access to our learners. We are keen to establish links with a wide range of providers and would welcome any advances and would work collaboratively to arrange a visit that could be tailored to the needs of learners; as our cohort derives from a number of Local Authorities.

Our Careers Lead has over the years built up strenuous links and has made it a priority to take learners out of school to visit these other providers and businesses. This has proved critical due to the concrete nature of the learning experience as this lends to the needs of our learners.

Our school runs a number of seasonal themed Business and Enterprise events; Christmas and Science fairs as well as a summer Business & Enterprise week. There are opportunities for providers to get involved and contribute to these events.

The school's Parents' evenings are held for whole school cohorts under normal circumstances. We have an additional Parents evening specifically for learners studying at GCSE level.

Further representative from local employers would be warmly welcomed in the future once in-face events are allowed on-site again, for Years 8 and 14 who undertake options for the next Key Stage or further education.

3.3 Premises and Facilities

The school will make the Main Hall, Roddick, Bannatyne and Branson meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and learners, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available projectors and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations.

The Main Hall and Branson room is the larger off the these and can hold exhibitions, the Bannatyne is a large meeting room comfortably accommodate 30 delegates and the Roddick can comfortably accommodate up to 10 delegates.

The needs and requirements can be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit primarily with the Careers Lead.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus' or other relevant course literature at our Reception for the attention of the Careers Lead.

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