

Sharples School Provider Access Statement

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

What are pupils entitled to?

All pupils in years 8 to 11 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, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, 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:

- Mr S Jackson Assistant Headteacher
- Telephone: 01204 333253
- Email: s.jackson@sharplesschool.co.uk

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

A number of events are integrated into the school careers programme, that offer providers with the opportunity to come into school and speak with pupils and/or their parents.

For example:

- Year 8 Careers Fair
- Year 9 - Options and Future Steps Evening
- Year 10 - Mock Interviews
- Year 11 - Next Steps

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to **Mr Jackson** to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

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

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 when available. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers if available. Arrangements will be discussed in advance between the Careers team 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 our Careers Advisor Mrs Banner o.banner@sharplesschool.co.uk.