

Bridlington School

Provider Access Policy Statement (statutory)



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1. Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer.

It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements. We are constantly striving to bring school provision in line with the Gatsby Benchmarks referred to in Refers to Sections 42A, 42B and 45A of the Education Act 1997

The 8 Gatsby Benchmarks are set out as follows;

<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A STABLE CAREERS PROGRAMME</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LEARNING FROM CAREER AND LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF EACH PUPIL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LINKING CURRICULUM LEARNING TO CAREERS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ENCOUNTERS WITH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXPERIENCES OF WORKPLACES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ENCOUNTERS WITH FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PERSONAL GUIDANCE</p>

3. Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 13 at Bridlington School are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of our careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses
- Visit and experience local workplaces and providers.

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

Any and all providers will be assessed for their appropriateness by the SLT strategic lead for careers, Deputy Head for Student Welfare, or the Assistant Head Careers Lead in Sixth Form.

Where possible all providers will be met in advance to discuss arrangements, all providers will be sent information about the school expectations, procedures and safeguarding in advance.

Any and all requests for access to students will be considered by Deputy Head for Student Welfare, or the Careers Lead in the school. Access will be granted on the merits of the provision on offer, not by any agenda the school may have allow fair and equal access to students.

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr Sam Clare, Deputy Head for Welfare.

Telephone: [01262 672593](tel:01262 672593)

Email: clares@bridlingtonschool.org.uk

4.2 Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into our careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. Please see the table below for a selection of examples of these events;

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 8	Assembly and tutor group opportunities - employability skills	Key Stage 4 options event	Careers workshop
Year 9	Assembly and tutor group opportunities - employability skills	Event for university technical colleges (UTCs)	Careers workshop
Year 10	Assembly and tutor group opportunities - employability skills	Networking event with providers and employers	1-2-1 Employer interviews Careers event
Year 11	Assembly programme on opportunities at 16 Event for UTCs Event for Collages	Post-16 evening Post-16 taster sessions Apprenticeships – support with applications	Support for post 16 applications to relevant providers
Year 12	Higher education (HE) fair Post-18 assembly - apprenticeships	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options	Work experience preparation sessions Work experience
Year 13	HE and higher apprenticeship applications	Assembly and small group opportunities - employability skills	

4.3 Granting and refusing access

Access to students will only be refused if;

- The provision is judged to not to be of the standards of Bridlington School wishes to promote
- The provision is deemed to be promoting something with unnecessary risk or danger to health
- The provision does not fit with our school ethos and values
- The provision does not match the skills set required by the local labour market
- The provision appears to coerce or dupe students

4.4 Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Should trips to providers or establishments take place, the school will follow all necessary risk assessments as per our Educational Visit package Evolve which is overseen by the Local Authority.

Members of school staff will be present for the duration of any visit to our school site.

4.5 Premises and facilities

Bridlington School will endeavour to provide;

- Any relevant facilities will be available to enable providers to access students e.g. rooms, specialist equipment such as audio and visual devices
- The process for organising and agreeing which facilities can be used will be discussed with the provider at the time of confirmation of any visit
- Prospectuses can be left in school and will be displayed in the relevant careers section of the library

5. Links to other policies

- Safeguarding/child protection policy
- Careers, Information, Advice and Guidance policy
- Curriculum policy

6. Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students is monitored by the Head and Deputy Head for Welfare.

Signed



Chair of Governors