



PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY 2024 - 2025

Introduction

This policy statement sets out Ringwood Schools arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academy's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Student entitlement

Students in Years 7-13 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 evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Where face to face is not suitable virtual / online alternatives will be offered.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: **Mrs B Baker, Careers and Aspirations Lead:**
Telephone: 01425 475000 / Email: bbaker@ringwood.hants.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school or to speak to pupils and/or their parents and we will offer virtual experiences and opportunities as appropriate – *Please see the published Careers Programme for our Annual Calendar of Events.*

Please speak to our named Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. Ringwood Schools policy on safeguarding sets out the approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students. The Safeguarding Policy is available on our website www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. We will also make available IT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with our Careers Team who will distribute the relevant information to pupils.

Last review date: July 2024

Next review due: July 2025

Person Responsible: B Baker