



Test Valley School

Provider Access Policy Statement

Rights Respecting Schools:

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be top priority in all things that affect children.

Article 28: Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children dignity. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this

Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purposes of sharing 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.

Pupil Entitlement

Pupils in Years 8-11 are entitled to:

- find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities. This should be delivered as part of a 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. These opportunities include the Key Stage 4 curriculum choices programme, information evenings, assemblies, group discussions and taster events
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of Provider Access Requests

Opportunities for access

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Coordinator at the school to identify the most suitable opportunity. A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents:



| | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Year 9 | Provider Taster Day | Year 9 Futures Day KS4 Pathways Evening | |
| Year 10 | | Employers and Colleges Event Day | College Taster Day |
| Year 11 | Provider Assemblies Area careers fair | Provider Assemblies Provider Interviews | |

The school policy on safeguarding <https://www.testvalley.hants.sch.uk/policies/child-protection-statement/> sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our pupils.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Coordinator or Year Coordinator.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the School Librarian. This is available to all pupils at lunchtimes.

Approval and Review of Policy Statement

This policy statement will be reviewed and approved by the Governors' CPA Committee at least every three years*.