



Boldon School

Provider Access Policy Statement

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of 2 January 2018, we have a duty to provide students in years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

1. Students entitlement

Students 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.

2. Management of provider access requests

Any provider wishing to request access should contact our careers leader, Ingrid Moir, on 0191 5362176 or via email on: ingrid.moir@boldonschool.org.uk.

3. 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. These will be highlighted on our website.

4. Granting and Refusing access

Our **Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy** and **Guest Speaker Policy** set out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our students. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to these policies.

Access to students will only be granted as long as informed consent is in place from student parents/carers as applicable.

5. 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 students.

We will make the school hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and students. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers leader and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature at the school reception.

Approval and review

This policy statement was approved by the school governing board, on 1 April 2024.

The scheduled review date for this policy statement is, 1 April 2027.

Signed by:



Acting Headteacher Date: 28/02/24



Chair of Governors Date: 28/02/24
