



Introduction

This policy statement sets out The Acorns 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.

Pupil entitlement All pupils in years 7-11 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 events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses. Management of provider access requests Procedure A provider wishing to request access should contact Miss Vanessa Booth (Lead for Careers) Telephone: 01695575486 Email: v.booth@westlancspcss.lancs.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

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/carers. We will aim to request access however this will be subject to factors such as dates and events already planned on our school calendar. Premises and facilities for events in school The Acorns School will make a suitable room available for discussions between the provider and the pupils as appropriate to the activity. The Acorns School will also make available laptops and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at The Acorns School.

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