

POLICY STATEMENT ACCESS BY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS TO PUPILS EDUCATED BY THE EDUCATION VILLAGE ACADEMY TRUST

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of 2 January 2018, the Trust has 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.

a. What are students entitled to?

Students must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme that informs students 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, e.g. 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.

b. Who handles the Trust's Access Requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact the Academy's Careers Advisor:

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c. What opportunities are provided to allow access to students?

Via our academy careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the academy year to speak to students and/or their parents.

Providers can speak to the academy's careers leader to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

The Trust Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Visitor Policy set out the academies' approach to allowing providers into school to speak to students.

d. There are rules for granting and refusing access requests to providers which are detailed in the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and the Visitors Policy.

e. 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 academy 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 leaders and a nominated member of the provider's team.

f. Can providers leave prospectuses for students to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with the Academy Careers Adviser.