

## **Application for Provider Access**

### Introduction

Thank you for considering Werneth School as an educational establishment with whom you would like to collaborate. It is so important to us that we establish good working relationships with providers within both further education and industry.

Werneth School serves a comprehensive intake of young people, with approximately 1100 children of all abilities and backgrounds. We mainly serve the communities of Bredbury, Romiley, Woodley and Brinnington. Werneth prides itself on being an inclusive school, with a large support network of professionals surrounding our curriculum in the classroom.

This document sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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**

To make students aware of the range of different learning and training routes available to them, as outlined in the Baker Clause and as part of Werneth's commitment to informing our students of the full range of learning and training opportunities on offer, we are open to requests from education and training providers who may wish to come in and speak to cohorts of students during the academic year.

All students in years 7-11 are entitled:

- to independent careers guidance.

All students in years 8-11 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

In the first instance, providers should contact the Work-Related Learning Co-ordinator Mrs Pamela Mason.

Telephone: 0161 494 1222

Email: [pamela.mason@wernethschool.com](mailto:pamela.mason@wernethschool.com)

### **Opportunities for access**

Werneth school offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme and an overview of this programme can be seen on the school website.

Please see our Careers plan on our school website and speak to Mrs Mason to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

We will always try to provide access wherever possible. Access to students may be granted /

refused based on the following criteria:

- The needs of the students
- The needs of the curriculum
- Timing of request (e.g. not during busing exam / assessment periods)

- Timing of the school day
- Nature of request from the provider
- Number of requests received from providers
- Number of requests received for a particular cohort of students
- Quality of previous interactions with our students

This list is not exhaustive and each access request will be considered on a case by case basis.

The decision to grant or deny access to students will be made by the Headteacher.

## **Safeguarding**

The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy. Please ensure that this policy is accessed and read before requesting access. This policy can be found on the Academy's website.

Providers will be asked to include details about who they represent, their aim, which students they wish to target, how many staff will be in attendance and the support required from the school on the day.

For requests that are approved, Werneth School will provide further information and instruction on school expectations and procedures in relation to visitor registration, parking and facilities.

The school will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity.

The school will also make available ICT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations where discussed and agreed in advance.

Providers are very welcome to leave a copy/copies of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Lead in school.

## **Responsibility**

Responsible staff:

Mrs Hannah Massey – Associate Senior Leader/Careers Lead

Mrs Pamela Mason– Careers and Work Related Learning Coordinator

Approving Body: Governors - School Improvement Board