

Rise Carr College

Provider Access Policy/Statement

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1. Aims

This policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer.

It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This is outlined in section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

3. Student entitlement

All students in years 8 to 11 at Rise Carr College are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of our 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
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

4. Management of provider access requests

4.1 Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Tina Gray, Attendance and Progression Officer.

Telephone: 01325 348600

Email: t.gray@risecarrcollege.org.uk

Our Safeguarding policy sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into the school as visitors to talk to our students. At all times we ensure that there are no issues of safeguarding and that our students are always completely safe whilst meeting or speaking to external providers.

4.2 Opportunities for access

Our provision includes various opportunities for students to access a range of events.

These are integrated into Rise Carr College's careers programme and curriculum as well as hosting or attending one off events that provide such opportunities.

The integrated events are usually delivered internally, with contribution from external providers where necessary.

The one off events, such as a college open day or an apprenticeship fair, are regularly advertised to our students and where appropriate we will arrange a visit, during the school, for a select group of students to attend.

The school has an independent and impartial careers adviser from CareerWave who works with students to ensure they are able to make an informed choice about their next steps. The adviser will see all of our Year 11 cohort at least once, but where necessary repeat appointments can be made. They will also do work with other age groups.

Our Attendance & Progression Officer will work with students who have been identified as risk of NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). They will inform students about the opportunities that other providers have, and when needed, they will complete application forms together for those selected college or apprenticeship placements.

4.3 Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

4.4 Premises and facilities

Once visits have been agreed, the School will provide appropriate facilities to facilitate the visit, along with any equipment requested by the provider, where it is available.

Sessions can be held in different venues according to the number of students and the requirements of the provider.

Visits can be in a classroom environment with small groups. We also have the facility to deliver safe personalised sessions.

We are happy to work with providers to provide any resources we can that make their visit possible and we are happy to accommodate those that need to bring extra equipment into the school in order to showcase what they do. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at reception for the attention of The Attendance and Progression Officer. Rise Carr College will place the literature so it is freely available to students during the course of the school day.

Each room has a careers noticeboard where information is and can be displayed.

5. Links to other policies

- Safeguarding/child protection policy
- Careers guidance policy

6. Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students is monitored by the Headteacher and reviewed by the Management Committee.