

Silverdale School

Provider Access Policy Statement 2021-22



Chorus Education Trust

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the 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 8-13 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 Helen Elmore Careers and Employability Manager

Telephone: 0114 2369991

Email: helmore@silverdale-chorustrust.org

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:

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All year groups – National Careers Week – March (careers fair, assemblies) Enterprise events

Y8 and Y9 Speakers assemblies and PSHE lessons

Year 9 KS4 options evening (January)

Year 10 Assemblies and GRIT days (off time table day), work experience, including virtual work experience.

Year 11 Assemblies and GRIT days (including mock interviews with employers, college and apprenticeship information sessions, university engagement), Post 16 Open evening, Invitations to contact individual students after careers interviews.

Year 12 and Y13 Assemblies, lunchtime sessions, curriculum related sessions (– i.e. Business and Economics), weekly bulletin, tutor briefings.

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Reasons for declining requests

The school reserves the right to decline requests for a number of reasons, including (but not restricted to) the following:

- if such attendance would provide an imbalanced view of available provision (eg several apprenticeship providers at an event and no colleges)
- if the provider's input would not be relevant to a particular event
- if the request is not timely (eg students have already heard from similar providers during the year, or if they are involved in end of year exams)
- if the information is not seen to be in the best interest of pupils (eg if the provider is promoting a 'hard-sell' of their provision, rather than enabling students to make an informed decision; or there are concerns about the ethics or quality of the provision).

In such cases, the Careers & Employability Manager (who supports the delivery of impartial Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance [CEIAG] across the school) would inform the provider of this decision and the reason why. If the provider wishes to appeal this decision, they can contact the member of Senior Leadership Team with responsibility for Careers & Employability at the school. If the provider wishes to appeal the decision received from the member of Senior Leadership Team, they should contact the Chair of Governors at the school.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the school librarian. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.