

The Royal Sutton School Provider Access Policy Statement

(To include The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause” and the Provider Access Legislation)

Ownership: Arthur Terry Learning Partnership (ATLP)

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Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school or college is critical to young people’s futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self- development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them Post-16, including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

The Royal Sutton School is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. The Royal Sutton School is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

The Royal Sutton School endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause”: supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation).

Aims

The Royal Sutton School's policy for access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.

To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.

To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

The Royal Sutton School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the new legal requirements regarding encounters:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend

This will be achieved through career drop down days, visits to educational providers and employers, assemblies, careers fairs and extracurricular opportunities and events.

Development

This policy is reviewed annually.

Links with other policies

This policy supports and is underpinned by key school and trust policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. The Royal Sutton School is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to enquiry@trss.bham.sch.uk.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that The Royal Sutton School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with The Royal Sutton School.

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

The Royal Sutton School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or Careers Adviser will organise

this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his/her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to the Headteacher, Mrs Nicola Gould, at the school's enquiry email address: enquiry@trss.bham.sch.uk.

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Careers Leader and Headteacher.