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Parkside School, Pathways College
Provider Access Policy

Approved by:	Paul Stanley Chair of Governors	**Date:** January 2026
Signed:	P.N.S	
Next review due by:	January 2027 Mr J Harkness Pathways Lead	

Aims

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. It sets out procedures in relation to requests for access and details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access.
This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

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.

Student entitlement

All students in years 9 -13 at The Parkside School and Pathways College are entitled:

- To access a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at transition.
- To access a range of suitable work related learning experiences.
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer through visitors, events, assemblies, visits to providers and school organised transition events.
- From Year 9, to have transition information and Pfal outcomes included in their EHCP.
- To understand and be supported to make applications to a range of courses.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact the main school office who will be able to support with any such requests and signpost to relevant staff. Contact details can be found on our school website.

Opportunities for access

Events such as parents evening, workshops and assemblies will offer providers the opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. All classes are encouraged to take part in enterprise activities supporting them to gain skills in work related learning at a level that is suitable to their individual needs. Telephone appointments or email contact are available throughout the school year.

Safeguarding
Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors. All education, training providers and visitors are expected to adhere to this policy.

Premises and facilities
Where appropriate, the school is able to make the main hall, classrooms or meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity.
All students will be fully supported by staff member. When required the school will also make Audio/Visual available and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations should this be necessary. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the careers leader or a member of the senior leadership team.
Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the school which will be made available to students as appropriate.

Links to other policies
This statement links to the following policies:
- Safeguarding/child protection policy
- Careers policy
- Curriculum policy

Monitoring arrangements
The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by the careers leader- Debbie Wicks.

This policy will be reviewed by the Head teacher annually.
At every review, the policy will be approved by the Governing Board