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Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out Northumberland PRU'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 and takes account of the Careers guidance and access for education and training providers Statutory guidance for schools and guidance for further education colleges and sixth form colleges July 2026

At Northumberland PRU we recognise that all pupils in years 7-11 are entitled to:

1. Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
2. Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events.
3. Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

We welcome opportunities to work with providers of education and training In order to support our pupils in achieving these aims.

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers or provide us with resources that can be used virtually:

Refer to Careers Programme for further details.

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access or provide information, such as prospectuses and recruitment events, should contact Richard Carr, Headteacher/Careers Lead, to identify the most suitable opportunity.

Telephone: 01670 719529

Email: richard.carr@pru.northumberland.sch.uk

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 Headteacher/Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to forward or provide a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Headteacher.

Approval and review

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