



Provider Access Policy

Policy agreed by the Governing Body on 12 February 2018

Under the public sector equality duty, all schools/academies must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010; to advance equality of opportunity between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it and to foster good relations across all protected characteristics. This means schools/academies must take into account equality considerations when policies are being developed, adopted and implemented.

This policy statement sets out the North Ridge's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the school for the purposes 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.

Students 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 evenings, briefings and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Procedure

A training or education provider wishing to request access should contact *Mrs Elaine Redpath*, Assistant Head teacher, e.redpath@northridge.manchester.sch.uk, 0161 507 9700

North Ridge is a specialist support school. All students have Education Health Plans. Their primary need is cognition. Students may transition at age 16 years or 19 years. We support our students in considering the most appropriate choice that will meet their very individual needs. We welcome contact from suitable providers.

Please speak to Elaine Redpath to identify the most suitable opportunity for you to support our students. We particularly welcome requests to join our information day in the summer term- the date for 2018 is Wednesday 11th July.

The North Ridge Safeguarding Policy is available at <http://nrhs.mancd.com/>

Our independent careers education guidance is provided by: Sally James, Connexions Careers Adviser /Connexions SEN Lead

Contact - Salford Connexions

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Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers and enrichment programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents:

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Year 8	Preparation for making choices and contributing to EHC reviews	Enterprise activities. Engagement activities.	Information day for pupils and their families
Year 9	Enterprise activities. Engagement activities.	Transition to adulthood reviews	Information day for pupils and their families
Year 10	Work related learning activities	Work related learning activities Review meetings	Work related learning activities Contact and visit to post school providers if appropriate Information day for pupils and their families
Year 11	Work related learning activities Contact and visit to post school providers if appropriate Review meetings	Work related learning activities Transition visit if moving on to post school provider	Work related learning activities Information day for pupils and their families
Year 12	Work related learning	Work related learning	Work related learning

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Year 13	Work related learning activities Review meetings Contact and visit to post school providers if appropriate	Work related learning activities Contact and visit to post school providers if appropriate	Work related learning activities Information day for pupils and their families Contact assessment and visit to post school providers if appropriate

Premises and facilities

The school will make appropriate rooms and equipment available to support provider presentations. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the school reception.