



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College

**Whole School Policy Statement on
Provider Access Legislation (PAL)
2025-2026**

Headteacher: Mrs C Lennox

January 2025

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school'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 with regard to technical education or apprenticeships. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as amended by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017.

Student entitlement

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.
- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships.
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

The updated provider access legislation which has come into force in January 2023, specifies schools must provide at least six encounters for all their students, during school years 8- 13

- 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
- two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for pupils to attend

The school will meet the new legal requirement to put on six provider encounters as can be seen on the [Careers Overview 2024-2025](#).

Management of provider access requests

- **Procedure**

Any provider wishing to request access should contact the following members of staff:

Mr P Given
Senior Assistant Headteacher
pgiven@st-wilfrids.org
0191 456 9121

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Mrs K Forster
Head of Sixth Form - Senior Assistant Headteacher
kforster@st-wilfrids.org
0191 456 9121

- **Opportunities for access.**

A number of events are integrated into the school careers programme which would potentially offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents. The school calendar varies from year to year so providers need to contact the member of staff named above to identify the most suitable opportunity. The events are usually arranged well in advance so it is essential that providers contact us early in the academic year to be involved in our planning. Access to students and/or parents will be granted on the understanding that information and guidance offered by providers is related to technical courses and apprenticeship opportunities only. Providers will be expected to meet the school's safeguarding requirements which can be found in the Safeguarding Policy Statement accessible on the school website.

- **Premises and facilities.**

Access to appropriate rooms and facilities will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit.

- **Literature regarding Events.**

Providers are welcome to email, provide relevant brochures and other printed material specifically related to technical courses and apprenticeships; these will be made available to students in the school.

Approval and review Dates.

Approval	Headteacher: C Lennox	January 2025
Next Review Date		January 2026