



Title	<b>Provider Access Policy</b>
Purpose	To set out arrangements to manage access of other education or training providers to provide information to Oak Lodge students.
Relevant to	<b>Whole School</b>
Responsible Officer	<b>Headteacher</b>
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## **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. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

As a Special Academy, Oak Lodge School will aim to work in partnership with other education and training providers to tailor a personalised service to students at the school that is inclusive and takes account of their individual level of development, strengths and interests.

## **Student entitlement**

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

## **Opportunities for Access**

At Oak Lodge School, entitlement will be achieved through a modified and personalised careers education programme, which is integrated into our broader life skills curriculum to support the school mission statement of "Learning for Life".

A programme of educational visits will also enable students to develop their awareness of the local and wider community and its future opportunities.

The annual review of each student's Education, Health and Care Plan will provide regular opportunities for discussion of future education and training options.

The school will hold an annual event for local and regional education and training providers to meet students and their families. Providers wishing to attend this event, taking place each year in the second half of the Autumn term, should contact the school office: [info@oaklodge.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:info@oaklodge.barnet.sch.uk)

The school will also make ad-hoc opportunities for providers to meet with small groups or individual students and their families as appropriate. The school policy on [safeguarding](#) sets out the school's approach in this regard.

### **Premises and facilities**

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or small meeting rooms available for discussions between providers, students and their families as appropriate to the activity. The school may also make available specialist equipment to support provider presentations on the basis that this will have been discussed and agreed in advance of the visit.

Providers are welcome to leave copies of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the school that may be used as part of our careers programme.

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