



## Policy statement on provider access

### **Birchwood PRU: Provider Access Policy**

#### Introduction

This policy statement sets out the PRU's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils educated by the PRU for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Birchwood is a Pupil Referral Unit and placement facility for young people in KS3 or KS4 statutory education. Students achieve qualifications and may re-join local schools or progress to post 16 education (such as colleges or sixth forms).

#### Pupil entitlement

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

#### Management of provider access requests

##### **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Jane Waters, Headteacher.

Telephone: 03000 658450 Email: [office@birchwoodpru.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@birchwoodpru.kent.sch.uk)

##### **Opportunities for access**

A number of opportunities, integrated into the careers programme, will offer providers a chance to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

Please contact us to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

### **Premises and facilities**

The PRU will make the classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The PRU 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 relevant staff member.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature, for students to access.

### **Approval and review**

Approved [November 2018] by Management Committee

Next review: November 2021