



Venerable Bede CE Academy Provider Access Policy

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The quality of relationships between all members of school staff and pupils, and the relationship with parents and carers is the area that is most commonly associated with the ethos of the schools in our Trust. It is expressed in the terms of sharing and caring. In the Church schools in our Trust, we follow the teachings of:

‘Love your neighbour as yourself’ – Matthew 22:39.

‘This is my commandment: love each other’ – John 15:17.

In our schools we believe every pupil is an individual who is valued for who they are.

We have a series of overlapping networks of relationships, which includes governors, staff, children, parents, church members, and members of the community which the school seeks to serve. Our pastoral work will strive to meet the significant challenge to create and maintain such networks including in our Church schools in ways which reflect the Gospel. Those who are in leadership roles, which includes all who have a particular responsibility, ensure that by their personal example they set the highest standards expected.

It is from this premise that both Christian and spiritual love will pervade all aspects of life at Northern Lights Learning Trust. It will influence how we reward and teach discipline. It will affect how we value work and the achievements of pupils and staff. It will be seen in the way in which the school environments are created and cared for, in the way in which the needs of pupils, parents, and community are met, and in the way in which teaching and non-teaching staff work together effectively as a team. Pastoral care pervades all aspects of school life and therefore will be reflected in the way the schools are organised and the policies are written and implemented.

This policy has been developed to take into consideration our ethos as well as local and national policy and guidance.

Relevant staff

Careers Coordinator:

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Venerable Bede Academy provider access policy statement

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 we have a duty to provide pupils in years 8-11 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

Who handles our access requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact our careers coordinator.

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents both live or online if requested.

Who should providers contact to discuss events and options?

Providers can speak to our careers coordinator, to discuss possible attendance at relevant events.

Our **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy [and any other policies]** set out the school's approach to allowing providers into school to speak to our pupils.

What can providers expect once a request has been accepted?

Once we have approved a provider, we will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to our pupils.

We will make the school hall, classrooms and private meeting rooms available to host discussions between providers and pupils. We will also make presentation equipment, such as projectors and televisions, available to providers.

Arrangements will be discussed in advance between our careers coordinator and a nominated member of the provider's team.

Can providers leave prospectuses for pupils to read?

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature with our careers coordinator or our school office.

As a provider, how can I raise a concern?

To raise an issue or concern please contact the careers team in the first instance. For further information please click the link <https://northernlights.education/nllt/policies/>

Which providers have been invited to the school?

28 Property Group
3D Printers
Academy for Military Preparation
AEM
AESC Group
Alexander Battery Technologies
AR Controls
Army Careers Centre
Army
ASK Apprenticeships Advisor
BAE
Bowmer and Kirkland
Cummins
Durham High School for Girls
Durham Johnston School
Durham School
Durham Sixth Form Centre
DWP
East Durham College
EDF
Foundation of Light
Gateshead College
GENTOO
Hays Travel
Learning Curve
New College Durham
Newcastle College
Newcastle Sixth Form College

NHS South Tyneside and Sunderland
Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd
Northern School of Art
OpenCast Software
Park View Sixth Form Centre
PragmatIC
Royal Air Force Careers Office
Royal Navy Careers Office
SMS Technology
South Tyneside College
Southmoor Academy 6th Form
Spitfire
St Aidan's Catholic Academy
St Anthony's Catholic Girls' School
St Robert of Newminster
Sunderland College
Sunderland County Council
Sunderland Engineering Training Association Ltd [SETA]
Taylor Wimpey
Teleperformance
Tynemet College
Whitburn Academy Sixth Form Centre
Zenith Training

For further information about our careers program please click on the link below:

<https://www.venerablebede.co.uk/careers-advice-ceiag-2/information-for-parents-carers-and-pupils/>

Our successful careers program has enabled pupils from our 2024 cohort to go onto the following destinations:

Durham Sixth Form Centre
 East Durham College
 Gateshead College
 Lord Lawson
 New College Durham
 Newcastle College
 Nissan
 Northern School of Art

Pheonix Training

Seta

Southmoor Sixth Form Centre

St Anthony's Sixth Form

Sunderland College