

The Baker Clause

What is the Baker Clause?

Introduced as an amendment to the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, the Baker Clause stipulates that schools must allow colleges and training providers access to every student in years 8- 13 to discuss non-academic routes that are available to them (See Appendix A). It is expected that by doing so this will help address the UK's productivity challenges and address skills shortages experienced across several sectors of the economy. This regulation has been enforced since January 2nd 2018.

The Department for Education's Statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and school staff sets out the expectations of schools which includes:

- * Every school must ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access all pupils in year 8 to year 13 for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships.
- * Every school must publish a policy statement setting out their arrangements for provider access and ensure that it is followed.

Policy Statement

This policy statement sets out E-ACT Parkwood Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the Academy for the purposes 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 (the 'Baker Clause').

Student entitlement

Students in Years 8 – 11 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 – through options evening's, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- * understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of Provider Access requests

Any provider who wishes to request access to the Academy should email: caroline.hanson@pwa.e-act.org.uk