Redbridge Alternative Provision

Baker Clause Policy Statement

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RATIONALE

A quality careers education and guidance programme in school is critical to young people's futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This will encourage pupils to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of Apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 including wider Technical Education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

COMMITMENT

Redbridge Alternative Provision (RAP) is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access pupils, for the purpose of informing them about approved Technical Education Qualifications and Apprenticeships. RAP is fully aware of the responsibility to set pupils on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

RAP endeavours to ensure that all pupils are aware of all routes to higher skills and can access information on technical options and Apprenticeships.

AIMS

The school's policy for access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our pupils of all career pathways available to them, including Technical Qualifications and Apprenticeships.
- To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.
- To reduce the numbers of pupils who drop out from courses and becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

RAP fully supports the statutory requirement for pupils to have direct access to other providers of Further Education Training, Technical Training and Apprenticeships. All pupils in Years 8-11 are entitled:

- To find out about Technical Education Qualifications and Apprenticeship 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, group discussions and Taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

DEVELOPMENT

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Co-ordinator- Mr Williams based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

LINKS WITH OTHER POLICIES

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity and SEND.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Access to other Providers is available and promoted to allow all pupils to access information about other Providers of Further Education and Apprenticeships. RAP is committed to encouraging all pupils to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

REQUESTS FOR ACCESS

Requests for access should be directed to the Careers Lead – Mr Williams. Mr Williams may be contacted by telephone 020 8501 6080 or email johnwilliams@nrhs.redbridge.sch.uk

GROUNDS FOR GRANTING REQUESTS FOR ACCESS

Access will be given for Providers to attend during timetabled Careers or PHSE lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that RAP arranges. Pupils may also travel to visit another Provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with RAP.

DETAILS OF PREMISES OR FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED TO A PERSON WHO IS GIVEN ACCESS

The Careers Co-ordinator Mr Williams, will organise these events, working closely with the Provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate for the pupils. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. When at RAP, Providers will be met and accompanied by the Careers Co-ordinator who will facilitate the event.

LIVE/VIRTUAL ENCOUNTERS

RAP will consider live online encounters with Providers where requested and these may be broadcast into an appropriate room. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

PARENTS AND CARERS

Parental involvement is encouraged, and Parents/Carers may be invited to attend the events at RAP to meet the Providers.

MANAGEMENT

The Careers Co-ordinator– Mr Williams, co-ordinates all Provider requests and is responsible to his Senior Management Line Manager.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Any complaints about this policy should be raised following the school's Complaints Policy, a copy of which can be found on the website. If you are unclear who to contact, contact the school office by phone – 020 8501 6080 or email – rap@nrhs.redbridge.sch.uk

MONITORING REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Senior Leadership Team.

Policy Co-ordinator: Mr Williams
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