

# **FLOURISH AT THE FARM**

# Therapeutic Alternative Provision



SEND Post-16 Programme 2024-2026 Supporting progress towards independent adulthood

















#### Flourish at The Farm

We are an award winning multidisciplinary team of highly skilled, qualified teaching professionals and therapeutic specialists. We specialise in supporting students with Special Education (SEND) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs who find it difficult to thrive in a conventional classroom and educational settings.

We are an established, independent Quality Assured Provider to a number of Local Authorities in the West Midlands and provide services and support to both Mainstream and Special Schools as well as Local Authorities. We have particular experience and expertise in:

- Re-engaging students who are disengaged or excluded from education
- Curriculum, Social, and Emotional Enrichment in support of those at risk of exclusion or detachment from conventional education pathways
- Wellbeing Support for emotional and physical needs enhanced by nutritional advice and guidance
- Transition Planning and Support to help with the next steps in the educational journey.

We operate from a unique countryside setting near Stratford Upon Avon which provides safe but exciting learning spaces and opportunities for young people to Flourish at The Farm

Our indoor and outdoor facilities provide engaging spaces which include 20 acres of apple and plum orchards and fishing ponds, woodlands, kitchen and cooking areas, wood working, quiet areas and sensory room, log cabin learning pods, and access to our wonderful farm animal friends. In addition, we have multiple indoor teaching and work areas equipped with computer technology and access to on-line courses and facilities.

We offer part-time placements and use a mix of 1:1 and small group sessions to inspire and support students with high quality, engaging and practical learning opportunities in a safe supportive environment. We help them to build trust and develop the confidence, abilities, behaviours, and well-being that will enable them to cope with life's challenges and prepare them for the next stage in their educational journey.

Our curriculum is flexible and adaptable to meet individual skills and abilities and is supported by continued therapeutic input where required.

Our SEND Post-16 provision is designed specifically to meet the needs of students who need extra help and support to successfully transition to independent adulthood.



### SEND Post -16 Life Experience Programme 2024-2026

Post 16 offerings at Flourish at The Farm focus on supporting students with a variety of additional needs including social, emotional and neurological challenges, Autism and ADHD. We work closely with students to achieve certifications, qualifications, and life skills in a wide variety of practical and academic pursuits. Every student will leave with a well-rounded portfolio of evidence-based achievements formally recorded in a Record of Achievement that will support their transition into the working world and adulthood

Our key objective is to ensure our students become more independent in their personal life, whilst developing new practical and social skill-sets that will support their progression from adolescence to adulthood.

Our flexible and tailored programmes are designed to meet the individual ambitions and needs of the students and in many cases will work towards goals outlined in their Education Health Care Plan or their Transition Towards Adulthood Plan. They may also feature as part of an EOTAS package.

A typical programme will include learning streams such as:

- Health and wellness (understanding positive mental and physical health changes)
- Introduction to the world of work (time spent in small business environments onsite)
- Indoor/outdoor cooking skills (supported by a qualified functional medicine and nutrition coach)
- Teamwork, leadership and social/communication skills (supported 1:1 by a learning mentor)
- Outdoor practical skills (including bushcraft, gardening and land management, DIY maintenance)
- Life Planning Project (understand how to plan for meals, budget, buy ingredients, communicate effectively)
- Animal Welfare (in-house practical work/experience)
- First Aid (basic skills and working towards a qualification)
- Arts Award (supported and guided to a formal Arts Award by our trained Arts Leader
- Functional Qualifications (in Mathematics and English supported by qualified teachers)

Wherever possible, student achievements will be recognized by formal Certification, Awards and Diplomas, and formal, approved qualifications from Ofqual certified providers, Trinity College and other awarding bodies.

Our aim is to help our students prepare for the world of work and equip them with resilience, confidence, and self-belief in order to achieve their full potential.

We have access to small businesses on site at The Farm with opportunities for involvement in retail, hospitality, catering, horticultural, agricultural, and health and wellbeing settings.



## Post-16 Programme Delivery

In response to high demand, from September 2025 we will be increasing our capacity and extending our programme. All of the Post-16 sessions are held on-site at The Farm.

We will continue our current programme which is flexible in timescales and based around a standard of 3 x 2 hour *1:1* sessions per week for a full academic year. (We do not offer full-time placements). The minimum length of a programme is one academic term, and we have flexibility to offer students between 1 and 3 sessions per week which will run each afternoon.

For those who are able to participate, there will be a separate, additional stream comprising **small group sessions** for up to 16 hours/week (running each morning) for the full academic year. This will provide greater opportunities for developing social and communication skills, and a clear progression pathway for our existing 1:1 students.

#### Programme Pricing is all inclusive and comprises:

- The planning, preparation and delivery of face to face, on-site, teaching sessions with a selected Flourish at The Farm learning mentor, including all Flourish at The Farm resources.
- Creating a quantitative and qualitative termly report for each student that will be sent to the commissioning body
- Completion of all required registration and statutory attendance recording and reporting
- Appropriate professional teaching resource to design a bespoke programme of sessions to support each individual student's needs, including academic, social and wellbeing strategies.

Over the course of a full programme, the service typically includes:

- Attendance at data gathering sessions and calls with schools, professional, parents, and students in order to define, agree and document each student's needs.
- Flourish at The Farm internal staff 'case' meetings to discuss and assess student progress
- Preparation for, attendance and presentation at EHCP annual review meeting
- Facilitating and hosting professional visits from Local Authority, Educational Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Social Services and Child Services.
- Facilitating and hosting staff visits to support successful progression to other further education settings.

### Working in Partnership

As experienced and qualified educationalists we understand the need for our School and Local Authority partners to have confidence in not just our services but also in our ability to support all the regulatory requirements for compliance and inspection.

We are an Approved Alternative Provider to Warwickshire County Council, Coventry Council, and Solihull Council and adhere strictly to all statutory DfE guidance. Our Policies and procedures can be viewed on our website. All our staff are Enhanced DBS checked. We are committed to keeping our young people safe.

We are experienced in supporting external inspections and maintain meticulous and complete documentation to provide evidence and feedback on the progress of our students.

Parental involvement and engagement is key to our ethos and we encourage a close relationship with Flourish at The Farm to better understand and meet the needs of our students.

Please visit our website <u>www.flourishatthefarm.co.uk</u> where we can be contacted for further information about referrals, pricing and availability of placements.



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