



Alternative Education that's
Practical, Purposeful & Personalised



Set on a farm ♦ Rooted in nurture ♦ Focused on futures

THERAPEUTIC | VOCATIONAL | PRACTICAL | ANIMAL-BASED

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Commissioners and Prospective Students,

We're an alternative learning provider for children and young people at primary, secondary, and post-16 levels. But more than that, we're a place to breathe, grow, and begin again - at your own pace and in your own way.

Set on a working farm surrounded by nature, Orchard Therapeutic offers something different. Here, learning isn't confined to a classroom. It happens in the creamery, in the orchard, with the animals, in the kitchen, and even on a reptile bus. It happens while making things, moving your body, and discovering what you're good at - and maybe even what you love.

Many of the young people who come to us have additional needs, including neurodivergent profiles, Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorders (ADHD), Anxiety, or Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA). They may have found mainstream education overwhelming - and that's where we come in. Most of our students have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), and every learning journey is carefully tailored to the individual. We work closely with families and professionals to create something that's personalised, purposeful and practical - always built on trust, and always with the child at the centre.

Everything we do is rooted in our three values: Explore, Engage, and Empower. Whether a young person joins us full-time on the farm, as part of an outreach programme at home, or through active wellbeing adventures, our approach stays the same - calm, compassionate, and completely tailored to each learner.

For some, Orchard Therapeutic is a fresh start. For others, it's a chance to reconnect - with themselves, with learning, or with the world around them. For all, it's a safe, welcoming space where difference is celebrated and growth is possible.

So, whether you're a young person looking for somewhere to feel more like you, or a parent or professional seeking something that just fits, we're glad you found us.

We hope this prospectus gives you a clear sense of what makes Orchard Therapeutic so special. And if you'd like to visit, ask questions, or talk things through - our door, and our gate, is always open.

Warm regards,



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WELCOME TO
Orchard Therapeutic Farm

*"Where mud washes off but
memories last a lifetime."*





Our Story & Unique Setting

NATURALLY GROWN. GENTLY GUIDED.


Orchard Therapeutic wasn't built overnight. It grew - organically, responsively, and with a clear purpose: to create a safe, inspiring place where young people with additional needs could thrive through real-life, hands-on learning and experiences.

What began as a small, primary-focused provision has now blossomed into a vibrant therapeutic farm offering tailored education to children and young people at primary, secondary, and post-16 levels. As the needs of local families grew, so did we... expanding our facilities, our expertise, and our age range.

We now support students and families from across Oxfordshire, West Berkshire, Wiltshire, Slough, Wokingham, Surrey, Swindon, Buckinghamshire, and beyond - all within our carefully designed, specialist setting.

A PLACE WITH PURPOSE

Every corner of Orchard Therapeutic Farm has been shaped with young people in mind. From sensory spaces and birdwatching lookouts to woodworking studios, animal grooming parlours, and the calm learning barn, the whole environment balances stimulation with safety, structure and flexibility.



From small roots to
wide-reaching branches,
Orchard Therapeutic has
grown with every child
we've supported.





OUR ONSITE FACILITIES

THE FARM & ORCHARD

Hands-on learning through animal care, growing, and outdoor exploration

LEARNING BARN

Low-stimulation spaces for focused learning

THE CREAMERY

Where students create innovative food products to sell in our social enterprise shops

THE DOG GROOMING STUDIO

For calm, practical work experience in canine care

REPTILE BUS

For confidence-building animal interactions and learning about reptiles

THE KITCHEN

Daily life skills and cooking confidence using fresh products from the farm

THE BISTRO

Food prep, teamwork and a real life working environment

THE FISHING POND

A peaceful outdoor space for reflective learning, patience-building, and developing fishing skills

BIRDWATCH LOOKOUTS

Spaces to be still, observe, and reconnect

WOODWORKING STUDIO

Hands-on, creative skill building

THE TRADES BARN

Developing skills for work, from basic engineering to tradesmanship

THERAPEUTIC SPACES

Designed for calm, connection, and support

TAXIDERMY SPACE

Exploring the science and ethics of preservation through hands-on, respectful practice

THE KEY

- 1** Art studio | Learning barn | Kitchen
- 2** Cow shed eatery
- 3** Garden
- 4** Fishing pond
- 5** Sensory room
- 6** Play area & Zip wire
- 7** Goats paddock
- 8** Stables
- 9** Dog grooming
- 10** Woodwork
- 11** Garden
- 12** Wood chopping
- 13** Bushcraft
- 14** Axe throwing
- 15** Bee keeping
- 16** Chicken house
- 17** Reptile bus & Taxidermy
- 18** Cows
- 19** Skill centre
- 20** Workshop
- 21** Aquaponics
- 22** Kitchen | Bistro
- 23** Creamery
- 24** Tipi
- 25** Office
- 26** Toilets







Our Approach

A THERAPEUTIC SETTING WITH A PRACTICAL SOUL

We're proud to be a specialist Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) provision, but we're more than just a supportive environment. We're a space where students can build confidence through meaningful learning, discovering what excites them, and growing towards a future they believe in.

Everything at Orchard Therapeutic is designed to feel purposeful and personal. Our students aren't just filling time... they're discovering their own abilities, exploring real-life roles, and developing a deeper sense of who they are and what they can contribute.

Whether a young person is tending the bees, cooking lunch in the kitchen, painting signs for the stables, building planters in woodwork, or gently caring for our animals - every experience is real, relevant, and rooted in trust. These aren't simulations. They're stepping stones. And every small success builds the belief that bigger things are possible.

“When learning is purposeful, practical, and personalised - confidence takes root and futures begin to grow.”



QUALIFIED & SPECIALISED STAFF

Our staff are more than facilitators; they're skilled professionals with expertise in special educational needs. We pride ourselves on the positive feedback from schools and parents who see real progress in the children we support. Our passion lies in building strong bonds with young people, understanding their unique needs, and guiding them with care through their challenges.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT

At the heart of our growth is a dedicated team in maintenance and construction. This expertise has allowed us to transform our site, adding birdwatch lookouts, woodworking rooms, grooming parlours, therapeutic spaces, and learning barns. These additions provide safe and empowering spaces for young people to rebuild their confidence and self-esteem.

EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNICATION & TAILORED PROGRAMMES

Communication is at the heart of our approach. We provide extensive weekly feedback to our students, ensuring that they feel supported and understood. Our programmes are highly individualised, allowing each child the opportunity to thrive and form meaningful friendships and relationships. Our motto, "where mud washes off but memories lasting a lifetime," is a testament to the deeply impactful experiences we offer within our centre.

Our Values

THE ROOTS BENEATH EVERYTHING WE DO

EXPLORE

On our farm, exploration takes centre stage. With expansive landscapes and thoughtfully planned activities, we ignite curiosity and self-discovery. From observing wildlife to hands-on farming, fishing, cookery, art and beyond, each moment becomes a chance for growth. Exploration here cultivates creativity, resilience, problem-solving, teamwork, and adaptability - essential skills for lifelong learning. While we explore, we act in a safe way; we are aware of ourselves and others and the impact of the decisions we make.

ENGAGE

We prioritise engagement in learning through practical activities and immersive programmes. Active engagement not only nurtures curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity but also instils adaptability and effective communication. These skills go beyond the farm, preparing children for success in the wider world. At our farm, being engaged in learning is not just a phase; it's a transformative journey that equips children with the skills they need to thrive back into their schools or as they transition into their next pathway.

EMPOWER

At Orchard Therapeutic Farm, we help children to feel empowered; to have the self-belief to try, explore, take risks and the confidence to achieve anything they set their minds to. At our therapeutic farm, we are dedicated to fostering an environment where every child feels empowered to succeed. We believe in providing choices and autonomy, allowing each child to contribute to the farm in a way that builds their sense of self-worth. Our farm is a place where children can develop leadership skills and take on responsibilities; we prioritise a safe and supportive space, encouraging self-reflection and goal-setting for continuous personal growth. We are creating a nurturing environment where every child can express themselves and feel empowered on their journey.





The Orchard Model

OUR PROGRAMMES & PATHWAYS

ORCHARD ACTIVE Physical Wellbeing Programme



ORCHARD FARM Core Alternative Learning Provision



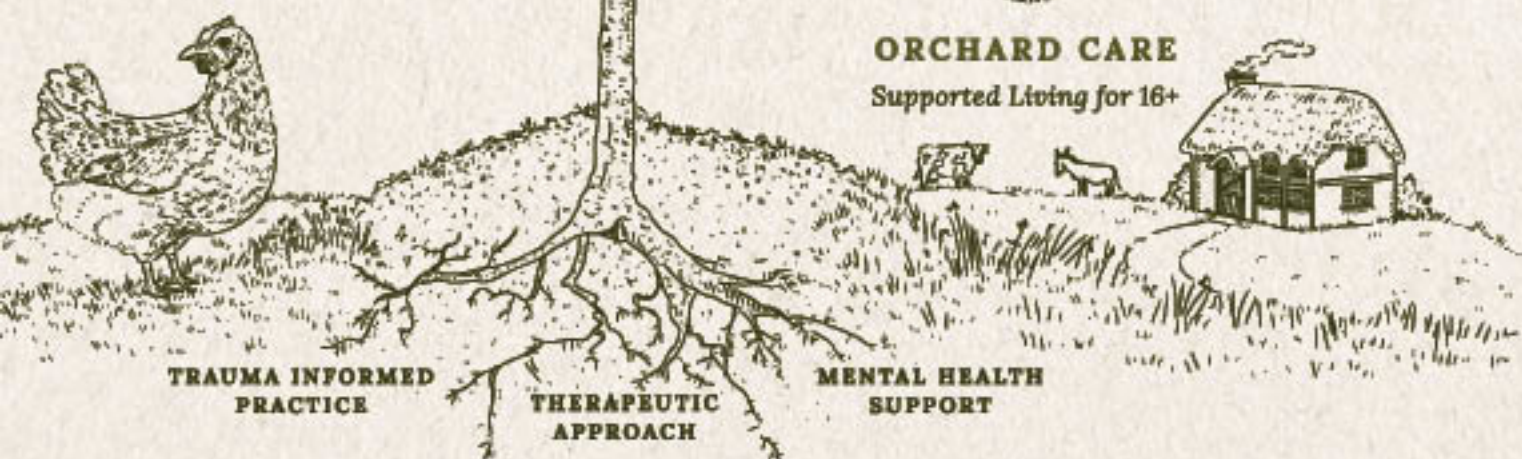
ORCHARD BARN Small Groups at Orchard Barn



ORCHARD OUTREACH Our Initial 1:1 Programme



ORCHARD CARE Supported Living for 16+



EXPLORE - ENGAGE - EMPOWER

PERSONALISED
Orchard
Therapeutic
OUTREACH
SUPPORT



PERSONALISED SUPPORT,
WHEREVER YOU ARE.

We know that not every child is ready to come straight into a busy learning environment - and that's okay. Orchard Therapeutic Outreach (OTO) brings our nurturing, practical approach to the places young people feel most safe: home, community spaces, or a quiet area like the Orchard Barn.

This is support that meets you where you are - emotionally and physically. With a calm, relational approach, we focus on trust building, communication, and gently exploring what's possible.

“Outreach isn't a stepping stone
— it's a vital first branch.”

ORCHARD OUTREACH

Our Initial 1:1 Programme

Root&Rise

Exploring options, building confidence, and addressing anxieties – all in the comfort of home, a local community space, or online.

Root & Rise is a one-to-one offer delivered at home, in the community, or online. It's ideal for young people experiencing high levels of anxiety, school avoidance (EBSA), or simply needing time and space to reset. Through consistent relationships and trauma-informed practice, we begin to build confidence, reduce anxiety, and explore next steps at a pace that feels right.








WHERE IT TAKES PLACE:

Home | Community space | Online

WHO IT'S FOR:

- We support primary, secondary, and post-16 pupils who experience high anxiety, EBSA, or are not yet ready for group settings
- Learners needing a bridge back into education or readiness for transition

WHAT IT SUPPORTS:

-  Confidence
-  Trust
-  Inclusive culture
-  Reduced anxiety
-  Voice heard
-  Advocacy for change
-  Reset and rebalance

ORCHARD BARN

Small Groups at Orchard Barn

Weave&Reach

Engaging in meaningful, small-group experiences of up to three pupils at the Orchard Barn to explore our core offer.

For learners ready to take the next step, Weave & Reach offers meaningful, small-group experiences of up to three pupils, often based at our calming Orchard Barn space. It's a soft introduction to the wider Orchard offer, allowing young people to explore interests, build friendships, and begin developing life and vocational skills in a safe, supported setting.


WHERE IT TAKES PLACE:

Orchard Barn

WHO IT'S FOR:

- Pupils ready to try small group work
- Learners preparing to access the wider Orchard Farm provision
- Those who benefit from short, regular tasters with high support

WHAT IT SUPPORTS:

-  Social skills
-  Connections
-  Self-esteem
-  Engagement
-  Vocational exploration
-  Broadening horizons
-  Life skills

ALTERNATIVE
Orchard
Therapeutic
FARM

EDUCATION PROVISION



OUR CORE PROGRAMME
REAL LEARNING, ROOTED IN REAL LIFE.

Set entirely on our working farm, this is where learning feels real, relevant, and alive. It's an alternative provision built for young people who need something different - a setting that makes sense, a curriculum that connects, and an approach that adapts.

We don't believe in one-size-fits-all. Every learner at Orchard Farm follows a tailored pathway, combining personal development, academic progress, vocational experience and therapeutic support. It's a holistic approach - one that meets each child where they are and walks with them towards where they want to be.

"At Orchard Therapeutic Farm, we meet students where they are and help them become who they're meant to be."

ORCHARD FARM

Core Alternative Learning Provision

Bloom & Belong

Empowering young people with a tailored learning journey at Orchard Farm, that blends personal development, vocational training, work experience, and qualifications.

We support learners at both primary and secondary level, offering a curriculum that's as individual as they are. Each young person follows a tailored pathway built around their needs, interests and EHCP targets - blending personal development, academic qualifications, vocational training and therapeutic support into one cohesive journey.

Functional skills, personal and social development awards, and vocational accreditations in areas like catering, animal care, and horticulture are offered alongside everyday experiences that build resilience, independence and emotional literacy. From regulating emotions to preparing a meal, from sitting a maths exam to grooming a dog, every skill counts.

WHERE IT TAKES PLACE:

Orchard Farm

WHO IT'S FOR:

- Children and young people at primary, secondary and post 16 with EHCPs or additional SEMH/learning needs
- Learners who benefit from personalised learning outside of a traditional school setting
- Pupils ready for a part-time, structured and therapeutic provision
- Those preparing for further education, employment or training

ONSITE OPPORTUNITIES



Work experience in:

Creamery (food production)

Orchard and animal care

Dog grooming studio

Bistro and hospitality

Trade and skills

Office tasks, creative projects



Independent living skills in:

The Kitchen

WHAT IT SUPPORTS:



Academic qualifications



Vocational development



Emotional regulation



Independent living skills



Confidence and self-esteem



Communication and teamwork



EHCP target achievement



Future readiness

PHYSICAL



Orchard Therapeutic

ACTIVE

WELLBEING



PHYSICAL WELLBEING IN MOTION

Our Orchard Active wellbeing programme is a dynamic blend of movement, adventure, nutrition, teamwork and therapeutic activity such as yoga and meditation.

For many young people, engaging the body is the first step to regulating the mind, building trust, and reconnecting with learning.

“Every outing is an opportunity to grow and every return is a little more confident.”

ORCHARD ACTIVE

Physical Wellbeing Activities & Fitness

Flex&Flourish

Encouraging growth, physical and mental strength through active movement, teamwork, and healthy habits – from fitness to food.

Our Flex & Flourish programme helps pupils discover their strengths through real-world tasks that build physical confidence and emotional resilience. This is learning in motion. Whether they're mountain biking through woodland trails, paddleboarding across open water, playing team sports, hiking hilltops, or cooking a healthy lunch, students are given the space and support to grow stronger - physically, emotionally, and socially. Every activity is designed to build self-belief, resilience and a sense of achievement.

From structured physical routines to outward-bound adventures and daily excursions, Orchard Active helps young people feel capable, connected and confident in the world around them.



WHERE IT TAKES PLACE:

Planned off-site seasonal activities (forests, mountains, activity centres, sports venues, water-based locations) & Orchard Farm

WHO IT'S FOR:

- Children and young people at primary, secondary, and post-16 levels who benefit from active, hands-on learning
- Pupils who struggle with emotional regulation or classroom engagement
- Learners needing to build resilience, motivation, and physical confidence
- Those preparing for reintegration into school or team-based settings

WHAT IT SUPPORTS:

-  Emotional resilience
-  Mental health and self-regulation
-  Physical wellbeing/fitness
-  Confidence in new settings
-  Social and communication skills
-  New Skills & healthy lifestyle habits
-  Teamwork and trust-building



Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

ALWAYS HERE, ALWAYS HUMAN.

At Orchard Farm, wellbeing isn't a bolt-on... it's the beating heart of everything we do. Every child who walks through our gates deserves to feel safe, seen, and supported. That's why pastoral care is embedded into every relationship, every routine, and every response.

Our team is fully **trauma-informed**, and our staff receive regular training in de-escalation, therapeutic communication, and understanding behaviours as communication. We know that behind every behaviour is a story - and our job is to listen, not to label.

We have trained **Mental Health First Aiders** on site at all times, as well as access to a **dedicated counsellor** who works closely with pupils requiring additional emotional support. For those who find it easier to open up outside of formal spaces, we offer regular opportunities for quiet check-ins, keyworker sessions, and low-pressure therapeutic activities built into the day.

Our beautiful setting naturally lends itself to therapeutic connection. Our **animal-assisted therapy programme** - whether it's working with the farm animals, grooming the dogs, or calming time with the reptiles - gives students a powerful outlet for trust-building, self-regulation and emotional growth.

We are proud to be a safe, inclusive environment for all. Every young person is treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their background, identity, or starting point.

Our **anti-bullying culture** is strong, open, and proactive, ensuring students feel empowered to speak out and support one another.

“Whether a child is in crisis or simply needs a little reassurance, our approach remains the same: consistent, compassionate, and quietly confident. Because at Orchard Farm, wellbeing isn't a department. *It's a promise.*”



Admissions & Enrolment

THE RIGHT SUPPORT FROM THE START.

We know that deciding on a new setting can feel daunting – especially when things haven't gone to plan elsewhere. That's why our admissions process is designed to be child-centred clear, and calm from the very beginning.

Referrals typically come through local authorities, schools, EOTAS (Education Other Than At School) teams or direct from parents. Once we've received a referral, our team will be in touch with parents and carers to arrange an informal visit. We want families and students to get a real feel for what Orchard Therapeutic Farm is like – the space, the people, the pace.

If everyone agrees that it's the right fit, we'll move forward with a Service Level Agreement with the referrer, outlining the placement and support. From there, we begin our carefully planned transition: taster days, Service Level Agreements (SLA), informal assessments, and a supportive induction designed to build relationships and help each child feel safe.

We recognise that each child is unique, and our admissions process reflects our commitment to tailoring our support to their individual needs. Our goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment where every child can thrive and embark on a journey of personal growth and achievement.

If you'd like more detail, our full admissions policy is available to view online – and as ever, we're happy to talk you through it.

“We don't rush the process.
We build the foundations first.”

Parental Involvement & Communication

WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP

At Orchard Therapeutic Farm, we believe that the best outcomes happen when everyone is working together. That's why we treat families and carers as key partners in every child's journey.

“We don't just welcome the child. We welcome the whole family.”

From day one, parents and carers are welcomed as part of our Orchard community. We stay in close contact with weekly updates from life on the farm, alongside detailed progress reports that celebrate each child's achievements - often with photos that show just how far they've come. It's always honest, always collaborative, and always centred around your child.

We understand how hard it can be to place your trust in a new setting, especially after difficult experiences. So we make it a priority to keep you informed, involved, and empowered to help shape your child's support.

We also work closely with commissioners, schools, and wider professionals to ensure joined-up working - because consistency, clarity and shared understanding make all the difference.



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