



FARMER Programme

Food Animals Resilience Mentoring Environment Respect

What is the FARMER Programme?

Our FARMER Programme is an educational intervention suited to young people who have difficulty with mainstream education through low school attendance, under achievement, low confidence or self-esteem, SEND or exhibit challenging behaviour.

It is also intended for young people to develop new skills and raise aspirations.

Programmes are tailored to the ability of the students where they can learn about animal care, grow produce and display their knowledge to members of the public who visit the farm.

The project follows the National Curriculum and is designed to be attended on a regular term-time basis for a minimum of 2 sessions a week, in conjunction with school tutoring, or alternative provision.

The FARMER Programme will usually start with the 'Squeaks' (guinea pigs and rabbits). However, the young person may have a favourite animal on the farm which they spend time with during the programme. Some children may not want to spend time with animals, although we have strategies to support the introduction of animals, in addition we will use the environment on the farm to develop skills such as growing produce.

How much is the FARMER Programme?

We are currently offering the FARMER programme £750+ VAT for 6 week consisting of 2 x 2 hour sessions each week.

When does the FARMER Programme run?

The FARMER Programme runs during term-time.

Morning session: 9.30am to 11.30am

Afternoon session: 12.45pm to 2:45pm

Times can be adjusted to suit the young person and the school.

How many young people in a session?

The FARMER Programme has been designed for individuals to develop their skills alongside Nunny's Farm staff and volunteers who are fully DBS checked. The young people will be on site with a member of staff from their school, such as a teaching assistant. The school staff member will be on site to support the young people if needed.

As we ensure the programme is bespoke to a young person's needs, we have no set minimum or maximum number for each session as this will be arranged following the receipt of the referral form.

What happens when the 6 week FARMER Programme is complete?

As illustrated in our pathway document, once the young person has completed the FARMER Programme they can repeat the programme with another species of animal such as moving from guinea pigs to goats.

Young people may need to return once a week, or once a month to continue to embed the skills developed during the FARMER Programme. Young people may return with a peer(s) to further develop their self-esteem as they conduct tours around the farm and share their knowledge with their peers.

How can Nunny's Farm support periods of transition for young people?

Young people who are on the FARMER Programme will likely show different skills and confidence levels to what they may present in the school environment. Therefore, we feel it would be beneficial to the child to maintain a link with Nunny's Farm and return prior to periods of transition to provide a familiar, nurturing environment which they found success in. For example, in terms of transition between year groups, support staff or schools, Nunny's Farm could be the place where current adults and new adults are invited to visit the young person on the farm.

Does Nunny's Farm have 'quiet sessions'?

We can provide 'quiet sessions' where a child may need to be the only young person at the farm. Being a community urban farm with a range of farm animals, we cannot

ensure quietness from the animals but we can plan for quiet activities, for example we can ensure machinery is not used on the farm during those sessions.

We have our purpose built barn which provides shelter and can provide a calm environment for young people to retreat to. We are planning to develop the idea of Peace Corners at Nunny's Farm to provide a space to support regulation.

What facilities do we have?

At Nunny's Farm, we are wheelchair accessible around our grounds. We have a toilet on site for use by our patrons, with hand washing facilities. We have additional handwashing facilities outside our plant-based cafe, which provides hot and cold beverages and vegan cakes.

We are currently researching grants to provide a Changing Places Toilet on site. We have a purpose built barn to provide shelter and provide a 'classroom' base on the farm.

We have a defibrillator on Nunny's Farm.

There is free parking at Centre 4 for vehicles and we are on the bus route for the 3 and 51N buses.

Our vision is to have a Nunny's Farm vehicle which can pick up and drop off children and staff at their provisions.

What else does Nunny's Farm offer?

- **Farmer for a day** experiences are for everyone 6 years and over (that includes adults too) to give you the opportunity to work alongside an experienced farmer, gaining access to areas not available to the public, whilst helping with daily tasks of keeping our animals fit and healthy. The day includes working with all animals on the farm, as well as some of the other tasks the farmers do on a daily basis (composting, digging etc.)

Farmer for a day (approx. 4 hours) - £60

Mini farmer for a day Under 6yrs (2 hours) - £40

- **Animal experiences** - Our single animals experiences are dedicated to your chosen species, where you can spend your full experience time learning all about your chosen animal and experiencing the best way to care for them.

Animal experiences (approx 1.5 hours) - £40

Mini animal experience Under 6yrs (max 1 hour) - £30

- **Group visits and school visits**



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