



The mission of Jamie's Farm is to support the development of vulnerable young people by providing opportunities for achievement, wellbeing and sustainable change in an agricultural setting.



WHY IS JAMIE'S FARM UNIQUE?

Jamie's Farm supports the re-engagement of young people from challenging backgrounds who are at risk of educational and social exclusion. On the farm, young people benefit from a unique combination of therapy, farming and positive family atmosphere. No other educational intervention provides these key elements to vulnerable young people.

On the farm, young people are provided with opportunities for achievement through agricultural activities. Structured time with our experienced psychotherapist helps young people to reflect, and to transfer their learning about self and others to their home and school lives.

Our work to re-engage young people has had noted success with school refusers and students on the verge of permanent exclusion.

WHO DOES JAMIE'S FARM SUPPORT?

Jamie's Farm works with a range of young people with diverse needs, who find the usual school environment difficult for many reasons. We provide a tailored programme to fully support individual students and their staff on their Jamie's Farm visit.

The most recent DCSF statistics report 8680 pupils are permanently excluded, with an additional 363,270 pupils temporarily excluded every year. A further 63,000 pupils across England and Wales are regular truants from school.

Government data* shows that the costs of being permanently excluded from school are devastatingly high to individuals and to wider society. Estimates put the true financial cost of permanent exclusion at £300,000 per child. The emotional cost is much more difficult to measure.

Jamie's Farm acts as a catalyst for improved engagement with education.

*National Behaviour and Attendance Review, April 2009

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES?

- 100% of students have shown improvements in personal skills, confidence, communication and empathy as a result of a visit to Jamie's Farm.
- 91% of students have fewer behavioural incidents on return to school.
- Of school refusers visiting Jamie's Farm, 83% of students have decreased truancy rate on return to school.
- A year 9 student with 150 instances of poor behaviour and 4 internal exclusions has not been internally excluded since his return to school.
- A year 10 student referred for truancy levels in excess of 40% has truanted no GCSE classes since her return to school.
- Value for money 8.9/10; overall benefit to students 9.5/10; overall satisfaction with the Jamie's Farm experience 9.8/10.*

*All outcomes data drawn from staff and young people surveyed prior to, during and following 16 visits, Sep 2008 – Aug 2009.

HOW DO I ORGANISE A VISIT?

At Jamie's Farm we are always looking to work with new and dynamic groups of staff with high expectations for their young people.

We accommodate up to 10 young people and up to 3 staff for 5 day residential visits. We offer a flexible, tailored programme to meet your specific school and student needs. We provide pre-visit group sessions and support with planning the visit, staff development in relationship building and behaviour management, and follow up sessions for young people. We can also accommodate larger groups and staff away days.

For more information about how to book a visit, please see our website

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