

Friends of
Frampton Farm

Land based qualifications

Courses for ages 11 years to adults



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Message from the Head farmer

At Frampton Farm, we believe that learning should be hands-on, meaningful, and rooted in real experiences.

Our farm provides a supportive and inclusive environment where students of all abilities can develop practical skills, confidence, and a sense of achievement. From caring for animals to growing plants and maintaining the land, every day offers new opportunities to learn and contribute.

We are proud to see our students flourish—whether they are working towards qualifications, building independence, or discovering their passion for the land-based sector.

Frampton Farm is more than just a place to learn; it's a community where everyone is valued and encouraged to reach their potential.

Core Values

- Respect – for people, animals, and the environment.
- Inclusivity – providing opportunities for learners of different abilities and backgrounds.
- Responsibility – encouraging care, teamwork, and pride in every task.
- Growth – supporting personal development, confidence, and lifelong learning.
- Community – fostering a supportive, welcoming environment where everyone belongs.

Warm regards,

Karen Friend

Director and farm owner



Mission

1. To provide inclusive, practical learning experiences that build confidence, independence, and real-world skills.
2. To inspire respect and care for animals, nature, and the environment through hands-on education.
3. To support every learner in achieving their personal goals and reaching their full potential.



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About Education at Frampton Farm





About Frampton Farm Alternative Provision

Frampton Farm is a non-school alternative provision offering part-time courses and 1:1 alternative education and care farming for children, teenagers, and adults. Most of the learners who attend our farm are home educated or attend school placements for the majority of the week, where they study their core curriculum subjects.

Who can apply to register for a course?

Any learner who meets the appropriate age and learning ability for the course is welcome to apply. However, if your child is currently enrolled in school, you must seek permission from their school before applying.

Payments

As a non-school alternative provision, all payments are normally made by the learner's parent or carer. However, some schools that request a placement for their students may choose to cover the associated fees. Please note that funding is usually not available through the local authority, and as we are not a full-time education establishment, Frampton Farm should not be listed as the main learning provider on an EHCP.

Our Farm





Outdoor Learning Environment

Frampton Farm offers an engaging outdoor learning environment where students can develop practical skills. Our diverse farm setting includes fields, animal enclosures, gardens, a horticulture area, a barn, and polytunnels, providing abundant opportunities for hands-on learning.

Indoor Learning Environment

In addition, we provide dedicated classroom spaces for theory-based learning, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience that combines practical skills with knowledge. Students have the flexibility to complete their coursework using laptops or by hand, and we provide printouts to minimise unnecessary writing, allowing them to focus on learning effectively.

The Farm Team

Our team is a diverse mix, with experience ranging from farming and teaching to working in SEN and SEMH schools, bringing a wide variety of skills and perspectives to support our students.

SEN / SEMH

We warmly welcome learners with SEN and SEMH needs, providing a supportive and inclusive environment tailored to their individual strengths and learning goals.

Individual Learning Plans

We provide Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) and use a variety of teaching methods to ensure that every student has the support and opportunity needed to successfully achieve their qualification.

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Farm Facilities *and* Environment





The Farm Location

We are located in Church Hougham between Folkestone and Dover, with easy access by car or Stagecoach bus. A bus stop is situated at the bottom of the road.

Address

Frampton Farm, Hougham Court Lane, Church Hougham,
Kent CT15 7AF

Farm Size

Frampton Farm is set on 26 acres of land, providing students with a spacious, authentic environment to develop real practical skills.

The site allows learners to work hands-on with a variety of animals, experience genuine farm routines, and take part in land-based tasks that mirror industry practice.



Our animals

Our farm is home to over 200 animals across a wide range of species, giving students valuable experience in caring for and working alongside many different types of animals. This variety helps broaden their skills and confidence in real-world animal care settings.

Large animals

Cows
Alpaca
British Lop Pigs

Medium sized animals

Over 10 breeds of sheep
Lithuanian mini pigs
Boer goats
Pygmy goats
KuneKune pet pigs

Small animals

Chickens
Ducks
Rabbits
Guinea Pigs
Tortoise



*From barn to classroom –
Frampton Farm gives you the
skills to succeed!*



Classrooms

We have three dedicated classrooms where students can focus on their theory-based learning.



Outdoor Learning

We have outdoor learning spaces designed for hands-on experience in animal husbandry and horticulture.



Farm buildings

We have a variety of farm buildings, stables, and polytunnels that provide hands-on learning opportunities.



Our horticulture area

Our farm includes a small horticulture area that is fully managed by our students. They take part in the entire growing season, from sowing seeds to harvesting produce. The food they grow is used both to feed our animals and for students to take home, giving them practical experience and a real sense of achievement.

Inside areas

Growing polytunnel
Preparation polytunnel
Greenhouse

Outside area

Vegetable beds
Fruit beds
Raised growing beds
Flower beds
Herb garden

Other areas

Our students have been designing and creating a wildlife garden to include bug hotels, bee stops, wildlife pond and more

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Our Courses





Entry level **Equivalent to pre GCSE**

City & Guilds Entry Level qualifications are designed to provide learners with the foundational skills and knowledge needed for personal development, further education, or employment. These qualifications focus on practical, real-world learning, helping students build confidence, independence, and essential life and work skills. They are flexible, accessible, and tailored to support learners of all abilities, offering a pathway to higher-level study and meaningful achievement.

Level 1 **Equivalent to 1 GCSE grade 3-1**

Level 1 courses provide learners with a solid introduction to a subject, helping them develop practical skills, knowledge, and confidence. They are suitable for students who have some prior learning or experience and are ready to build on foundational skills. These courses focus on hands-on, real-world learning and aim to prepare students for further study, employment, or independent living. Level 1 qualifications also help learners progress to Level 2 courses, offering a clear pathway for continued personal and professional development.

Level 2 **Equivalent to up to 4 GCSE grades 9-4**

Level 2 courses build on foundational skills and provide more in-depth knowledge and practical experience in a chosen subject. They are ideal for learners who are ready to take on greater responsibility, develop independence, and prepare for employment or further study. These courses focus on real-world applications, equipping students with the skills, confidence, and understanding needed to succeed in their chosen field. Level 2 qualifications also offer a pathway to higher-level courses or professional development opportunities



Short Courses

Our Level 2 short courses are designed to provide focused, practical learning in a shorter timeframe. They allow learners to gain specific skills, knowledge, and experience in a chosen area without committing to a full-length qualification. These courses are ideal for those looking to upskill, develop confidence, or explore a subject before progressing to a longer course or career pathway.

AQA Unit Award Scheme

The AQA Unit Award Scheme offers a flexible, supportive alternative to a City & Guilds qualification for students who may not yet be ready for a full course. It allows learners to build confidence through small, achievable units that recognise their progress and developing skills. Each unit is individually accredited, giving students a sense of accomplishment while preparing them gradually for future qualifications. This approach helps bridge the gap, ensuring learners feel motivated and capable before moving on to more demanding accredited programmes.

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Entry Level 2 Courses





Entry Level Overview

Our entry level courses are available for learners aged 9 years plus.

Entry Level Skills for Working Life helps learners develop confidence and practical abilities in basic animal care, handling, and welfare. The course also focuses on teamwork, communication, and essential workplace skills, preparing learners for further study or entry-level employment within the animal care or land-based sectors.

Skills for Working Life 2 Certificate (animal care route)

Helps learners develop basic employability and practical skills needed to work with animals, alongside working skills.

1 Day per week group based or 3 hours one to one sessions. Ages 9 years plus.

Skills for Working Life 2 Certificate (horticulture route)

Develop practical gardening & land-based skills, along with essential employability skills.

1 Day per week group based or 3 hours one to one sessions. Ages 9 years plus.

Skills for Working Life 2 Certificate (construction route)

Develop practical skills in areas including woodwork, laying woodchip paths, identifying and using construction tools, along with essential employability skills.

1 Day per week group based or 3 hours one to one sessions. Ages 9 years plus.

Entry Level 2 is well suited to learners who aren't yet ready for higher-level qualifications but would benefit from a recognised, supportive pathway that helps them build essential skills, grow in confidence, and prepare for future study or employment.

Skills for Working Life 2 Certificate (animal care route)

Suitable for learners 9 years plus

The Entry Level 2 Skills for Working Life (Land-Based Animals) qualification is designed to introduce learners to the basic skills and knowledge needed to work safely and effectively with animals in a land-based setting. It provides a hands-on introduction to animal care, covering areas such as feeding, cleaning, handling, and understanding animal behaviour.

Learners also develop essential workplace skills, including following instructions, using equipment safely, and working as part of a team. This course is ideal for beginners or those with learning support needs who are interested in starting a career in animal care, farming, or other land-based industries.

1 day per week group sessions or 3 hours 1:1

Entry Requirements

Ages 9 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

The course focuses on developing basic practical skills and knowledge related to working safely with animals, feeding, housing, and maintaining their wellbeing alongside 4 units in working life skills. Learners are assessed through practical tasks, observations, and simple written or oral assessments, ensuring that they can demonstrate their understanding through hands-on experience rather than exams.

Unit examples

201 Workplace safety & emergency procedures

209 An introduction to ICT

215 Feed farm animals

216 Bed down farm animals

217 Recognise farm animal housing

221 Provide food and water to poultry

224 Collect and sort poultry eggs



Skills for Working Life 2 Certificate (horticulture route)

Suitable for learners 9 years plus

The Skills for Working Life Entry 2 -Horticulture qualification provides learners with a practical introduction to working in the horticulture and gardening industry. It focuses on developing essential skills and knowledge needed to work safely and effectively with plants, tools, and outdoor environments. Learners gain hands-on experience in tasks such as planting, weeding, watering, maintaining green spaces, and using basic gardening equipment.

The course also introduces topics like plant identification, soil preparation, and environmental awareness, helping learners understand how to care for plants responsibly and sustainably. Suitable for beginners and those with learning support needs, this Entry Level qualification builds confidence, teamwork, and employability skills, preparing learners for further study or entry-level work in horticulture or land-based industries.

1 day per week group sessions or 3 hours 1:1

Entry Requirements

Ages 9 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in horticulture

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

Assessment is based on practical activities, observations, and simple written or oral tasks, rather than exams. Learners are expected to demonstrate skills such as planting, maintaining outdoor areas, using tools safely, and working effectively with others alongside employment skills such as ICT & health and safety, showing their ability to apply knowledge in real-life situations within the horticulture industry.

Unit examples

201 Workplace safety & emergency procedures

209 An introduction to ICT

238 Plant an area to attract wildlife

350 Recognise parts of plants

355 Water plant material by hand

352 Insert plant material

356 Construct a composter



Skills for Working Life 2 Certificate (construction route)

Suitable for learners 9 years plus

The Skills for Working Life Entry 2 qualification provides learners with a practical introduction to working in the land based construction industry. It focuses on developing essential skills and knowledge needed to work safely and effectively in an outdoor environments. This qualification is aimed at learners working at Entry Level who are interested in starting to develop practical skills in the construction and building industries.

The focus is on basic, safe working practices, tool use, simple construction tasks and preparation for further study or employment. For example, it includes tasks such as recognising and using hand tools, working with simple building materials, carrying out basic construction / building tasks under supervision. Suitable for beginners and those with learning support needs, this Entry Level qualification builds confidence, teamwork, and employability skills, preparing learners for further study or entry-level work in horticulture or land-based industries.

1 day per week group sessions or 3 hours 1:1

Entry Requirements

Ages 9 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

**An interest in hands on tasks such as
woodwork and laying
slabs**

**Commitment to
learning**

Course Criteria

Assessment is based on practical activities, observations, and simple written or oral tasks, rather than exams. Learners are expected to demonstrate skills such as basic woodwork, maintaining outdoor areas, using tools safely, mixing cement, laying paving slabs, and working effectively with others alongside employment skills such as ICT & health and safety, showing their ability to apply knowledge in real-life situations within the horticulture industry.

Unit examples

201 Workplace safety & emergency procedures

209 An introduction to ICT

238 Recognise and use hand tools & materials

384 Lay a concrete path

378 Join wood based materials

390 Apply finishing material to wood based surfaces

403 Restore a timber structure to a painted finish



Level 1 Courses





Level 1 Courses

Our Level 1 courses are available for learners aged 11 years plus.

Level 1 Land-Based Studies courses provide an accessible introduction to working in the land-based sector, covering areas such as agriculture, horticulture, animal care, estate maintenance, and environmental studies. These programmes focus on developing practical, hands-on skills alongside essential knowledge of safe working practices, tools, and equipment. They are ideal for learners who benefit from applied, outdoor learning and who may be preparing for higher-level study or seeking to explore different career paths within land-based industries. With a supportive structure and plenty of practical experience, Level 1 courses help students build confidence, work readiness, and a clearer understanding of the roles available in this field.

Level 1 Animal Care Award

The Level 1 Award in Land-Based Studies (Animal Care) introduces learners to basic animal care skills. This course is 1:1 sessions 2 hours per week. **14 years +**

Level 1 Animal Care Certificate

The Level 1 Certificate in Land-Based Studies (Animal Care) develops practical skills in animal care. This course is 1:1 sessions 3 hours per week. **14 years +**

Level 1 Land Based Skills Award

Land-Based Practical Skills provides hands-on experience in land management, such as fencing, ground work, and basic maintenance. 1:1 Sessions 2 hours per week. **14 years +**

Level 1 Land Based Skills Certificate

Land-Based Practical Skills provides hands-on experience in land management, such as fencing, ground work, and basic maintenance. 1:1 Sessions 3 hours per week. **14 years +**

Level 1 Practical Horticulture Diploma

Introduces learners to basic gardening and plant care skills, including soil preparation, planting, and maintaining healthy plants. 1 day a week. **11 years +**

Level 1 Land Based - Animal Care Award

Suitable for learners 14 years plus

The Level 1 Land-Based Studies (Animal Care) **AWARD** course provides an introduction to working with animals and developing essential practical skills in animal husbandry. Learners will explore topics such as animal health and welfare, feeding and watering, housing and handling, and the importance of maintaining safe working practices.

Through a combination of hands-on experience and classroom learning, students gain confidence and a solid foundation for progressing to higher-level qualifications or employment within the animal care industry.

Available for one to one students or school groups

Entry Requirements

Ages 14 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

The Land-Based (Animal Care) Award is a **two-unit course** consisting of a mandatory Health and Safety multiple-choice exam and one additional unit chosen by the learner.

Unit examples

201 Mandatory: Safe and effective working practices in land based industries

216 Assist with the care of animals

218 Assist with the movement, handling and accommodation of animals.

226 Assist with feeding and watering animals

227 Assist with the preparation and maintenance of animal accommodation

228 Assist with the handling and restraint of animals



Level 1 Land Based - Animal Care Certificate

Suitable for learners 14 years plus

The Level 1 Land-Based Studies (Animal Care) **CERTIFICATE** course provides an introduction to working with animals and developing essential practical skills in animal husbandry. Learners will explore topics such as animal health and welfare, feeding and watering, housing and handling, and the importance of maintaining safe working practices.

Through a combination of hands-on experience and classroom learning, students gain confidence and a solid foundation for progressing to higher-level qualifications or employment within the animal care industry.

Available for one to one students or school groups

Entry Requirements

Ages 14 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

The Land-Based (Animal Care) **Certificate** is a **four -unit** course consisting of a mandatory Health and Safety multiple-choice exam and three additional units chosen by the course tutor.

Unit examples

201 Mandatory: Safe and effective working practices in land based industries

216 Assist with the care of animals

218 Assist with the movement, handling and accommodation of animals.

226 Assist with feeding and watering animals

227 Assist with the preparation and maintenance of animal accommodation

228 Assist with the handling and restraint of animals



Level 1 Land Based - Land Skills Award

Suitable for learners 14 years plus

The Level 1 Land-Based Studies **Award** (Land based practical skills) course focuses on developing practical, hands-on abilities essential for working in outdoor and agricultural settings. Learners gain experience in tasks such as constructing and maintaining fencing, creating and repairing pathways, and other fundamental land-based skills.

These practical units not only build technical competence but also promote problem-solving, teamwork, and confidence, providing a strong foundation for further study or employment in the land-based industries, this is a shorter course with less units.

Available for one to one students or school groups

Entry Requirements

Ages 14 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

The Land-Based (Land based skills) **AWARD** is a **two -unit course** consisting of a mandatory Health and Safety multiple-choice exam and one additional units chosen by the learner.

Unit examples

201 Mandatory: Safe and effective working practices in land based industries

210 Contribute to the construction and maintenance of structures and surfaces

220 Contribute to the construction and maintenance of structures & surfaces in the countryside

227 Assist with the preparation and maintenance of animal accommodation

225 Assist with the use of transport and the maintenance of tools and equipment



Level 1 Land Based - Land Skills Certificate

Suitable for learners 14 years plus

The Level 1 Land-Based Studies **Certificate** (Land based practical skills) course focuses on developing practical, hands-on abilities essential for working in outdoor and agricultural settings. Learners gain experience in tasks such as constructing and maintaining fencing, creating and repairing pathways, and other fundamental land-based skills.

These practical units not only build technical competence but also promote problem-solving, teamwork, and confidence, providing a strong foundation for further study or employment in the land-based industries, this is a shorter course with less units.

Available for one to one students or school groups

Entry Requirements

Ages 14 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

The Land-Based (Land based skills) **CERTIFICATE** is a **four -unit course** consisting of a mandatory Health and Safety multiple-choice exam and three additional units chosen by the learner.

Unit examples

201 Mandatory: Safe and effective working practices in land based industries

210 Contribute to the construction and maintenance of structures and surfaces

220 Contribute to the construction and maintenance of structures & surfaces in the countryside

227 Assist with the preparation and maintenance of animal accommodation

225 Assist with the use of transport and the maintenance of tools and equipment



Level 1 Practical Horticulture Certificate

Suitable for learners 11 years plus

The Level 1 Practical Horticulture course provides an introduction to the essential skills and knowledge needed to work in the horticulture industry. Learners gain hands-on experience in areas such as soil preparation, planting, watering, and maintaining plants, as well as learning about basic garden design and safe working practices. The course focuses on developing practical abilities and confidence in a real-world setting, making it ideal for those interested in gardening, landscaping, or further study within the land-based sector.

Weekly group session

Entry Requirements

Ages 11 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in horticulture

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

The Level 1 Practical Horticulture course includes four mandatory units and thirteen optional units selected by the course tutor. All assessments are practical, allowing learners to demonstrate their skills and understanding through hands-on tasks across the required criteria.

Unit examples

101 Mandatory: Prepare for sowing and planting

102 Mandatory: Plant container grown subjects

103 Mandatory: Prepare soil and apply organic mulch

104 Mandatory: Water a bed, border or area of plants in containers

108 Plant flower bulbs for naturalisation or bedding

123 Sow seeds indoors in containers.



Level 2 Courses





Level 2 Courses

Our Level 2 courses are available for learners from ages 12 years plus.

Level 2 Animal Care courses offer a solid, practical foundation for learners aiming to work with animals or progress to higher-level study. These qualifications cover essential topics such as animal health and welfare, behaviour, feeding, housing, and safe handling techniques. Students gain valuable hands-on experience working with a variety of species, helping them develop confidence and competence in real-world care settings. Level 2 programmes are ideal for those who have an interest in animal-related careers—such as veterinary support, animal grooming, boarding services, or wildlife centres—and who are ready to build on their basic knowledge with more detailed, industry-relevant skills.

Level 2 Animal Care Certificate

Builds knowledge and practical skills in animal health, behaviour, nutrition, and welfare, preparing learners for employment. Group session 1 day a week. **12 years +**

Level 2 Animal Care Extended Certificate

Builds more in depth knowledge and practical skills in animal health, behaviour, nutrition, and welfare. Group session 2 days a week. **14 years +**

Level 2 Technical Competence in Animal Health, Husbandry & Handling

This course combines multiple short courses into one comprehensive programme, allowing you to gain **six qualifications** in total. 1 day a week **16 years +**



Level 2 Animal Care Certificate

Suitable for learners 12 years plus

The City & Guilds Level 2 **Certificate** in Animal Care provides students with the knowledge and practical skills needed to work safely and effectively with a wide range of animals. The course covers key areas such as animal health and welfare, feeding and accommodation, handling, and behaviour. Through hands-on experience at Frampton Farm, learners develop confidence and competence in real-world settings, preparing them for further study or employment in the animal care industry. This qualification is ideal for anyone passionate about working with animals and pursuing a career in this rewarding field.

Weekly group session over 1 year

Entry Requirements

Ages 12 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

The Level 2 Certificate is made up of two units, each with multiple assessments. Learners complete a combination of written and practical tasks, allowing them to demonstrate both their knowledge and hands-on skills.

Unit examples

Unit 201 - Maintain animal health & welfare

Recognise signs of normal & abnormal health

Daily regimes for animals & legislation

Common diseases, prevention & treatment

Animal first aid & injuries

Unit 202 - Undertake practical animal feeding

Select, prepare & feed animals

Planning animal diets

Carry out monitoring & recording of animal feeding



Level 2 Animal Care Extended Certificate - New learners

Suitable for learners 14 years plus

The City & Guilds Level 2 **Extended Certificate** in Animal Care provides students with the knowledge and practical skills needed to work safely and effectively with a wide range of animals. The course covers key areas such as animal health and welfare, feeding and accommodation, handling, and behaviour. Through hands-on experience at Frampton Farm, learners develop confidence and competence in real-world settings, preparing them for further study or employment in the animal care industry. This qualification is ideal for anyone passionate about working with animals and pursuing a career in this rewarding field

Weekly group sessions 2 days over 1 year or 1 day a week over 2 years

Entry Requirements

Ages 14 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

The Level 2 Certificate is made up of four units, each with multiple assessments. Learners complete a combination of written and practical tasks, allowing them to demonstrate both their knowledge and hands-on skills.

Unit examples

Unit 201 - Maintain animal health & welfare

Unit 202 - Undertake practical animal feeding

Unit 203 - Maintain animal accommodation

Unit 217 - Introduction to caring for farm livestock.



Level 2 Animal Care Extended Certificate - 2nd Year

Suitable for learners 14 years plus who have completed Level 2 animal care certificate

The City & Guilds Level 2 **Extended Certificate** in Animal Care provides students with the knowledge and practical skills needed to work safely and effectively with a wide range of animals. The course covers key areas such as animal health and welfare, feeding and accommodation, handling, and behaviour. Through hands-on experience at Frampton Farm, learners develop confidence and competence in real-world settings, preparing them for further study or employment in the animal care industry. This qualification is ideal for anyone passionate about working with animals and pursuing a career in this rewarding field

Weekly group sessions 2 days over 1 year or 1 day a week over 2 years

Entry Requirements

Ages 14 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

The Level 2 Certificate is made up of four units, each with multiple assessments. Learners will have already completed Level 2 animal care certificate at Frampton Farm and will continue this year to complete the remaining 2 units. .

Unit examples

Unit 203 - Maintain animal accommodation

Unit 217 - Introduction to caring for farm livestock.

Plus work experience on the farm



Level 2 Certificate of Technical competence in animal health, husbandry & handling (Complete Course)

Suitable for learners 16 years plus

This programme brings together several short courses into one comprehensive package, enabling you to achieve six qualifications. It's ideal for anyone interested in working with livestock or the wider animal care sector, as well as those looking to build on their existing skills.

The course focuses on practical, hands-on experience with a range of animals, including cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, poultry, and small mammals. You'll develop essential skills in feeding, handling, health checks, and general husbandry. Completing this course can lead to roles in livestock care, animal welfare organisations, or further training within the land-based and agricultural industries.

Weekly group session 1 day per week for 1 year

Entry Requirements

Ages 16 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

Covering 6 short qualifications you will cover the below criteria for each of the animal groups: Cattle, Pigs, Sheep, Goats, Poultry and Small Mammals.

Unit examples

Animal housing and social groupings

Feeding animals

Animal husbandry tasks and ethics

Handling and basic health checks



Level 2 Certificate of Technical competence in animal health, husbandry & handling SHORT COURSE

Suitable for learners 16 years plus

We offer a range of short evening and weekend courses focused on sheep, goats, or poultry. These sessions are ideal for new animal owners or learners who want to explore animal care before committing to a longer course.

Each course focuses on a specific animal species and gives learners a clear understanding of its care requirements, including housing, social behaviour, feeding, husbandry, safe handling, and routine health checks.

Short evening or weekend courses - see our website for dates

Entry Requirements

Ages 16 years +

No prior qualifications

Self funded

An interest in animals

Learners should be able to read, write and self study

Commitment to learning

Course Criteria

You will cover the below criteria for your chosen animal species. Sheep, Goats, or Poultry.

Unit examples

Animal housing and social groupings

Feeding animals

Animal husbandry tasks and ethics

Handling and basic health checks



AQA unit award scheme certification



AQA Unit Award Scheme Certification

Suitable for learners of all ages

The AQA Unit Award Scheme offers a flexible, supportive alternative to a qualification for students who may not yet be ready for a full course. It allows learners to build confidence through small, achievable units that recognise their progress and developing skills.

Each unit is individually accredited, giving students a sense of accomplishment while preparing them gradually for future qualifications. This approach helps bridge the gap, ensuring learners feel motivated and capable before moving on to more demanding accredited programmes.

Available for 1:1 students, school groups and our young farmers club members

Entry Requirements

Any age

No prior qualifications

An interest in animals or horticulture

Learners should have basic reading and writing skills.

Commitment to learning

Example of units

There are hundreds of thousands of units available in every subject possible. Below is an example of one animal based unit, including what the learners need to do to gain the certificate.

Caring for goats

- 1. follow instructions to collect at least three different types of equipment to clean the goats' pens**
- 2. Handle and replenish food on at least one occasion**
- 3. Use a brush on a goat appropriately with support**
- 4. Use a shovel to clean the goats pen with support**
- 5. Follow a schedule to maintain hygiene in goat pens**





Applications are now open for 2026-2027

We offer a range of options. Our mixed group courses begin in September, while 1:1 programmes and school group courses can start at any point throughout the year.

How to apply individuals

Complete our registration of interest form via our website
www.framptonfarmeducation.co.uk

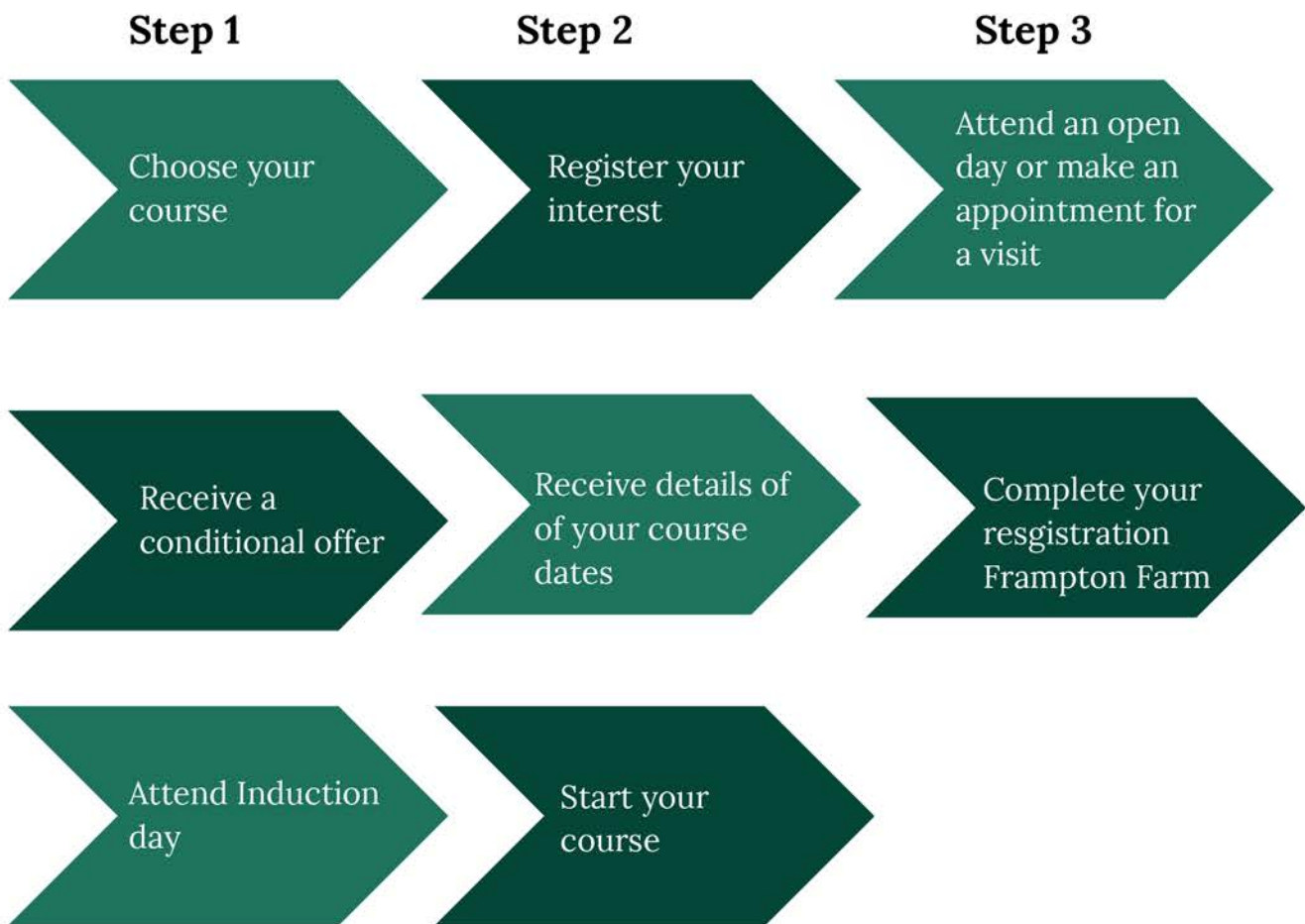
How to apply schools

Email:
education@framptonfarm.co.uk

Open days

Dates for our open days are still to be confirmed, but you're welcome to visit for a tour at any time of year. Please email education@framptonfarm.co.uk to arrange an appointment.

Application Process



Contact us

To book an appointment with one of our tutors please email us education@framptonfarm.co.uk

Open day dates will be published soon.

Our Students Speak



“I absolutely love the course, it’s fun, interesting and a perfect mix of practical and theory! I love my teachers and it is never a chore coming here. I will be sad when it is over”

Eve

Level 2 Animal Care



“Staff are so friendly and helpful! I do the animal care and staff are amazing teachers, it has really improved my confidence. Overall just a fantastic place 10/10 recommend!!

Tallulah

Level 2 Animal Care



“The staff are very supportive and friendly and i am learning lots of information through this course which helps me understand animals a lot better.!

Annabelle

Level 2 Animal Care



I appreciate Sophia & Karen’s patience and understanding if you don’t understand work or are struggling with it. I like the chickens

Tedi

Level 2 Animal Care



I really enjoy spending time with all of the animals, all of the staff are nice.

Evelyn

Level 1 Practical Horticulture and Level 2 Animal Care



I’m really enjoying the animal care course and the staff are really friendly, and the animals are really friendly as well.

Millie

Level 2 Animal Care & Work Experience

Parent Feedback

"Karen and the staff at the farm are friendly and provide the support my child needs. Since starting the Level 2 Animal Care course, my daughter is thriving in the learning environment provided and is genuinely loving all aspects of the farm day. We feel so lucky to have found Frampton Farm and hope my daughter's learning experience can continue beyond this year. If you are looking for an inclusive and supportive environment, I'd highly recommend Frampton farm." **Danielle** Level 2 animal care parent



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"The Horticulture course is unlike any other provision locally for home educated children. My daughter has learnt to work hard in all weather, as part of a team. The tutors are wonderful, and the small class sizes mean each child gets the attention they need. It is the highlight of her week, she always looks forward to her day on the farm. It has been an extremely positive experience, she has made great friends, all whilst working towards a credible qualification. We cannot fault our Frampton Farm experience!" **Toni** Level 1 practical horticulture parent

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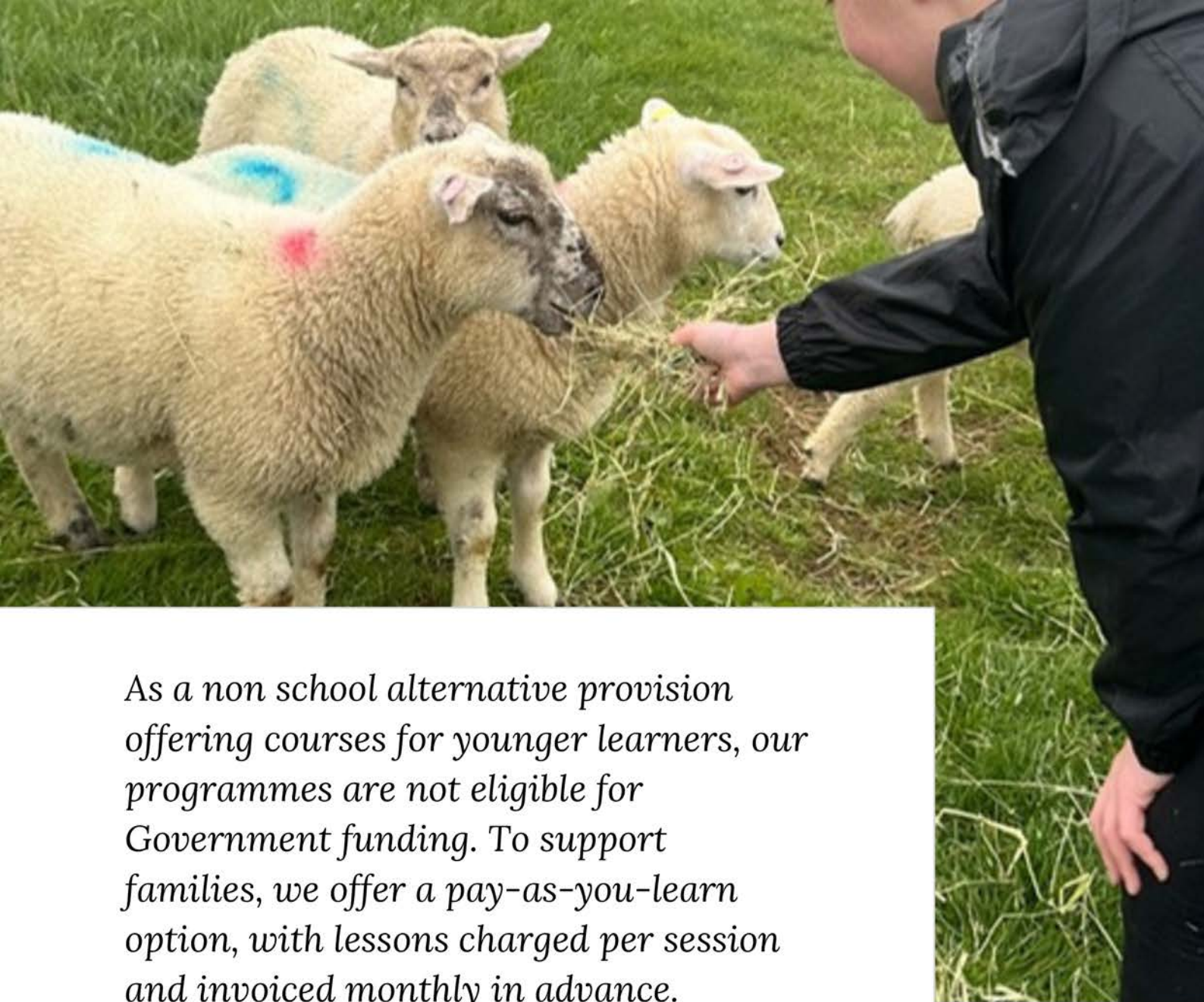
My daughter has astonished us with how much she has learned in just a few months. Her confidence has grown, and she is doing things we never knew she would. This learning environment suits her far better than a mainstream classroom. **Sarah** Parent level 1 practical horticulture & Level 2 animal care parent



"My daughter has always struggled with confidence in social situations, and prior to starting Frampton I worried how she would manage starting somewhere new on her own. However, after just a couple of weeks in she had made new friends and comes home buzzing after every session at Frampton. The team are so lovely and really understand individual needs of each children. The learning and opportunities are endless. I am so glad we took the leap into alternative education and Frampton have made this journey so positive :) thank you!" **Tasha** Level 1 practical horticulture parent

Course Fees





As a non school alternative provision offering courses for younger learners, our programmes are not eligible for Government funding. To support families, we offer a pay-as-you-learn option, with lessons charged per session and invoiced monthly in advance.

Session fees

Group based sessions are charged at £50 + VAT per day and most of our courses run from 9am-3pm

1:1 Sessions are charged at £30 + VAT per hour for a minimum of 2 hours.

AQA unit award scheme registration £50 + VAT per academic year

City and Guilds registration fees vary depending on the course.

Additional Costs

To stay safe and comfortable while on the farm, it is important to wear appropriate clothing. The following items are compulsory:



Steel toe capped boots or wellies

Boots should be worn for outdoor and animal-based activities. Students may change into comfortable footwear when in the classroom..



Waterproof cargo styles trousers

Cargo-style trousers are essential when working with animals, as they help protect learners from sharp hooves and teeth. If the trousers are not waterproof, we also recommend wearing over-trousers to stay dry.



Water proof coat

In warmer weather, we recommend learners wear a lightweight waterproof jacket for outdoor activities. During colder months, a warm, waterproof coat is advised.



Farm logo top

We ask that all learners wear a Frampton Farm logo hoodie, T-shirt, or polo top. If your child has sensory needs, please speak with us so we can make appropriate accommodations.

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