Sapling Green Farm School & Nursery

Independent specialist school, part of the **New Beginnings Learning Trust**

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Welcome to Our School

From first steps in **early years** to preparation for **adulthood**, we provide a continuous, **nurturing pathway** where every learner can **grow, achieve** and **succeed**.

Located within a beautiful rural setting, **Sapling Green Farm School & Nursery** is a specialist, all-through provision supporting children and young people from age 2 to 18.

We specialise in supporting pupils with:

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Medical intervention needs
- Neurodiversity, including Autism and ADHD
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs
- School-based avoidance

Our school is built on the rhythms of a working smallholding and Forest School, offering an intentionally different approach to education – one that nurtures curiosity, resilience and real-life skills.

At Sapling Green, we believe:

- Every child's journey is unique
- Learning should be purposeful, hands-on and meaningful
- Education should develop the whole person

Our All-Through Provision

90% forest and outdoor learning

Sapling Nursery *(Ages 2–4)*

Planting the Seed

Our Nursery provision embraces a Forest School approach, where children learn through:

- Exploration and play
- Outdoor discovery
- Sensory-rich experiences

We support early development for children with:

- Additional needs
- Communication delays
- Medical requirements

Focusing on:

- Confidence
- Communication
- Curiosity

We build the strongest possible foundations for life.

Sapling Primary *(Ages 5–11)*

Deepening the Roots

Our Primary provision offers a safe, nurturing and structured environment where pupils:

- Develop core academic skills
- Build emotional regulation
- Grow in confidence

Through:

- Small class sizes
- Personalised support
- Outdoor and therapeutic learning

We support pupils with SEN and medical needs, ensuring learning is accessible, consistent and meaningful.

Sapling Secondary *(Ages 11–18)*

Branching Out

Our Secondary provision prepares pupils for adulthood through:

- A broad and adaptive curriculum
- Vocational and land-based learning
- Real-life experiences on the farm

Students engage in:

- Animal care and husbandry
- Horticulture and sustainability
- Practical, skills-based learning

We provide ongoing support for complex needs, including medical intervention, while building:

- Independence
- Resilience
- Career readiness

Our Specialist Provision

EdSpace *(Years 5–15)*

EdSpace is our unique and specialist flexible learning package, supporting pupils learning for Individual needs.

Our **EdSpace programme** supports pupils who:

- Cannot access full-time school
- Experience school-based avoidance
- Are neurodivergent
- Require flexible or home-based provision

Including those with **medical needs requiring adapted or reduced timetables**, we offer:

- Personalised, flexible pathways
- Virtual and blended learning
- Therapeutic and pastoral support
- Gradual reintegration

This programme acts as a **bridge back into education**, tailored to each individual.

Trident *(Years 9–11)*

Leadership, Discipline, Direction

Trident is our personal development and leadership package, supporting pupils up to 3 days a week, referred from mainstream schools.

Focused on **personal development and leadership**, and linked to the **Army Foundation College ethos**, pupils develop:

- Discipline and resilience
- Physical fitness and wellbeing
- Leadership and teamwork
- Confidence and self-belief

This programme is particularly effective for pupils needing:

- Structure
- Direction
- A renewed sense of purpose







Community Flourish Programme

Learning Beyond the School Day

Our **Community Flourish Programme** extends learning into the wider community, offering:

- Holiday clubs
- After-school provision
- Family farm experiences
- Wellbeing and nature-based activities
- Alpaca walking
- Sculpture trail
- Creative workshops
- Camping experiences

Including opportunities for families of children with **SEN and additional needs**, this programme:

- Strengthens family engagement
- Builds community connections
- Supports wellbeing

Our Approach to Learning

Specialised SEN Support on site through - Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Educational Psychologist and Lead SENDco

Our curriculum is rooted in:

- Working smallholding experiences
- Forest School principles
- Individualised pathways

Therapeutic Support at Sapling Green:

- Small group teaching
- 1:1 mentor support
- A calm, therapeutic environment

With the ability to support pupils with **medical intervention needs**, we ensure that education remains:

- Accessible
- Safe
- Consistent

Using structured assessment and our growth framework, we ensure every pupil becomes:

Physically, emotionally and socially "life-ready".

The Sapling Journey

From Nursery to Post-16, every learner follows a journey of:

Planting → Growing → Strengthening → Thriving

We don't just prepare pupils for exams - ***We prepare them for life.***

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For further information

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