

Farm School

@South Brockwells Farm



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Overview

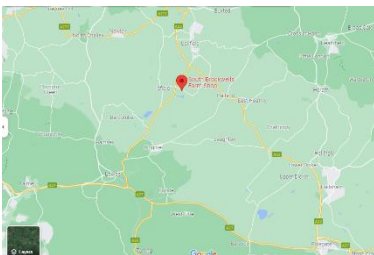
At South Brockwells Farm we will be providing a farm-based learning opportunity for children and young people to learn about the vital role of farming in our lives, develop their understanding of where food comes from, the work and skills required to care for animals and essential, transferable life skills.

We will be working closely with children, parents and schools to ensure we are providing an environment where children can feel safe, heard and valued, and are connecting with animals, nature and our environment.

We are offering different packages to ensure the programme meets the needs of our community. Learners may come to us for a variety of reasons such as:

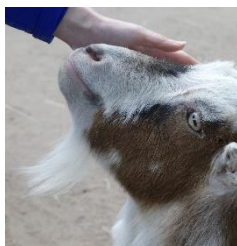
- A particular interest in Farming and Agriculture
- Part of their educational provision
- A lack of engagement/poor attendance in school
- Poor mental well-being, anxiety and self-esteem issues
- Underdeveloped life-skills/a lack of pro-social behaviours

Education at South Brockwells Farm will be led by a fully qualified teacher where students will work with and care for our animals and farmland to improve their 'soft skills' such as resilience, motivation and self-control, confidence, independence and work-ethic that are so vital to their wellbeing and their ability to achieve in later life.



South Brockwells Farm is located in Little Horsted, just outside of Uckfield. 6 Miles from Lewes. 3 Miles from Uckfield. 10 Miles from Heathfield. 11 Miles from Hailsham. 19 Miles from Eastbourne

Address: South Brockwells Farm, Bradfords Lane, Little Horsted, Tn22 5QS

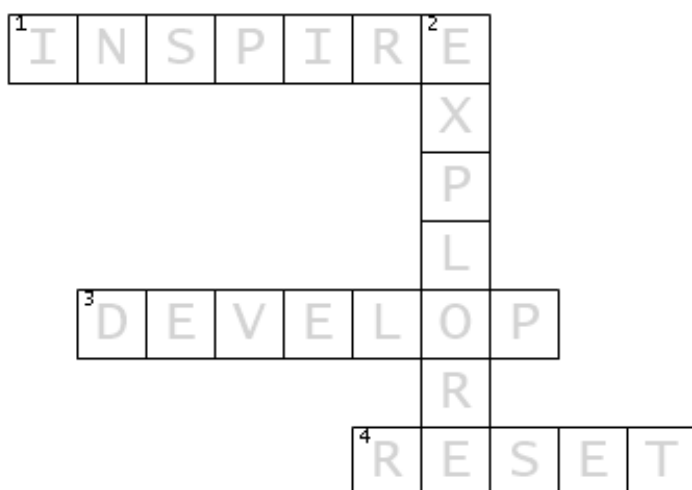


Vision and Ethos

Our vision is to give every child the opportunity to thrive.

We aim to offer a unique learning environment where children are safe to explore, work with animals, be with nature and are encouraged to engage with a range of outdoor activities to develop awareness and new skills.

We believe that one size does not fit all and by offering a child an opportunity to learn outside of the classroom will help develop, reset and broaden their prospects.



How?

Education at South Brockwells Farm will:

- Provide opportunities for children to learn about food, farming and the countryside.
- Provide hands-on interaction with animals.
- Provide an opportunity to develop new relationships.
- Provide therapeutic support with qualified Therapeutic Thinking and Boxall Profile trained staff.
- Provide routine and instil good habits.
- Provide an opportunity to complete meaningful and practical work to engage and motivate children.
- Provide a place to have fun and learn new skills.
- Provide a place to enjoy the countryside with fresh air and space.



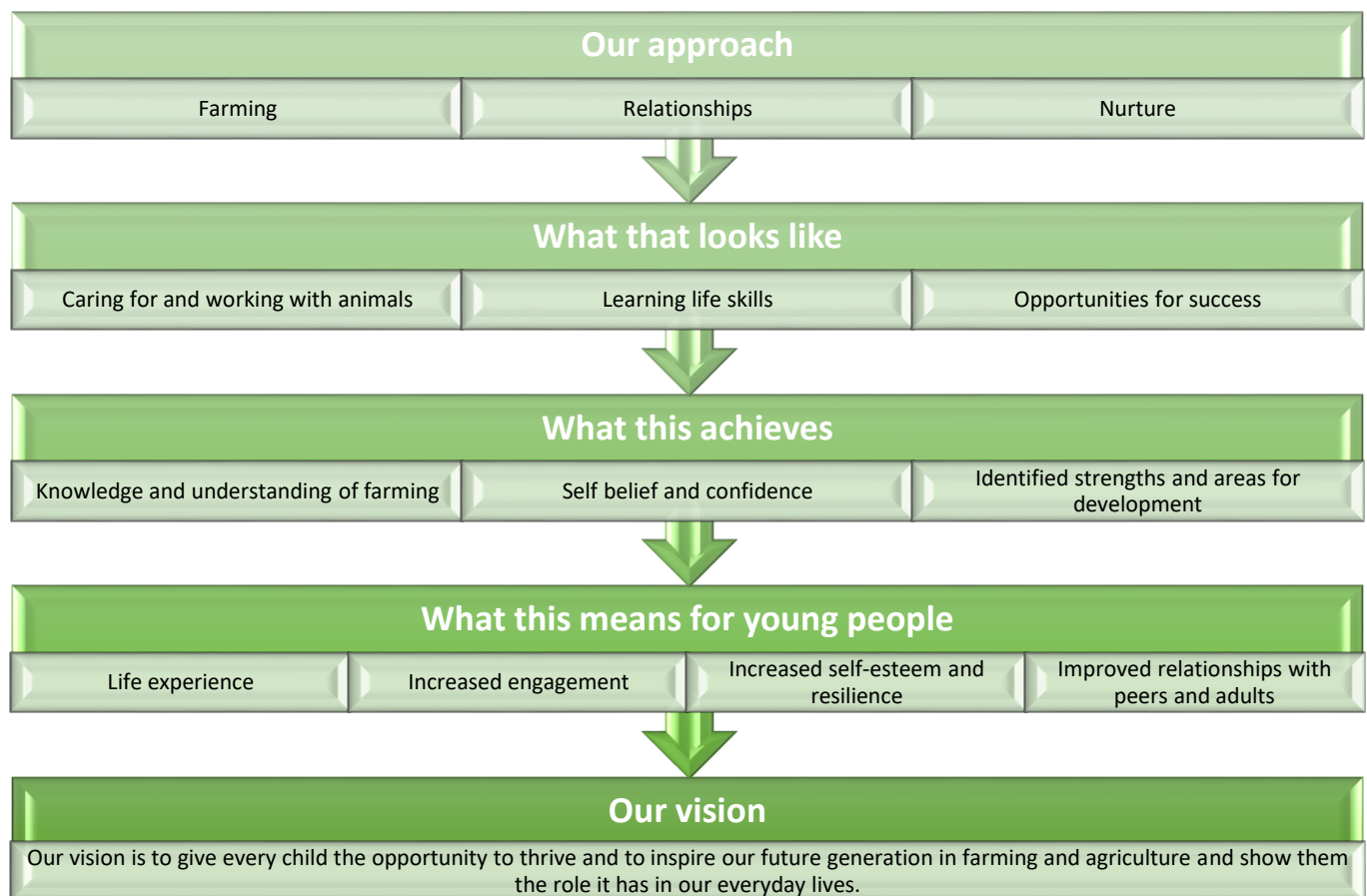
Why?

We want to engage and inspire our future generation in farming and agriculture and show them the role it has in our everyday lives.

We want to equip and teach children in our communities, so they have the knowledge to form opinions and make informed decisions on things like food production, farming and the environment.

Farming teaches children essential knowledge and skills such as:

- Understanding where their food comes from
- A greater appreciation for food
- How to care for animals
- How to be responsible
- Essential life skills
- Safety skills
- Understanding weather and climate change
- Understanding the life cycle
- Developing resilience
- Problem solving skills



Who we are:**Caroline Tasker – Director of Education and Events**

Formerly a Vice Principal of a large secondary school, fully qualified teacher having been working in education within an area of significant disadvantage for 11 years.

I have a wealth of experience working with children and young people from a range of backgrounds and I am now beginning an exciting new chapter, working with an exceptional team at South Brockwells Farm to support children and young people on their individual learning journeys.

I am passionate about removing barriers to education, thinking creatively, learning outside the classroom and all things farming and horses!

Qualifications

- BA (Hons) KS2/3 with QTS
- Therapeutic Thinking trained
- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Child Protection in Education
- Zones of Regulation trained
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education
- Boxall profile trained
- Designated Safeguarding Lead Training
- Mental Wellbeing in Children and Young People
- Coaching to Outstanding

Ummara Wright

Ummara has 8 years experience working within the Outdoor Education industry in a Business Development role and understands how important experiential learning is in the development of young people.

She has also worked with Raystede Animal Sanctuary in their Education team and on Patchwork Farm at Chailey Heritage School presenting enrichment activities to young people.

Ummara will be working closely with Caroline to plan and deliver the education programme at South Brockwells Farm. She holds an enhanced DBS certificate.



Chrissy Wells

Chrissy farms the land at South Brockwells Farm and manages all livestock including a herd of 150 sheep, 80 goats, pigs, horses and a multitude of dogs. She has a wide range of skills and expertise in caring for animals and livestock and works with Young Farmers to share her knowledge and will be instrumental in delivering educational sessions at South Brockwells Farm. She is a keen and accomplished equestrian; qualified riding instructor and BHS and Pony club examiner within the South East. She also holds qualifications in Child Protection, Food Hygiene Level II, Emergency First Aid at Work and is DBS registered.

Sarah Robinson

Sarah worked as a Hydrologist for the Environment Agency looking after the rivers and streams across Sussex before she went on to work for Savills as Property Manager in the Rural Department. Sarah joined her family farm in May 2019 and now runs the farm shop and looks after the farm admin.

Sarah has been actively involved running events for local riding clubs and has a horse called Delboy who she competes on at local events. She was chair of Cuckfield Scouts and Scout Leader. She holds qualifications in Child Protection, Food Hygiene Level II, Emergency First Aid at Work and is DBS registered.

And some (but my no means all) of the rest of the team:**BOOMER the Shetland****SNOUT the Pig****HARRY the Herdwick****DEXTER the Goat**

What we offer?

South Brockwells Farm is excited to offer half day Farm School sessions for children aged 7-14 who are home educated.

'The Pen'

- For children in **Key Stage 2 (7-11 year olds)** who are home educated
- Maximum 12 learners split into 2 smaller groups of 6
- Half day - 1 x 2.5hour session weekly during term time on a **TUESDAY morning 9.30am – 12pm**
- This is a drop off session and parents do not attend (although please do discuss this with me if a phased start is required).
- Learning how to care for, feed and handle our farm animals including Shetlands, Goats, Sheep, Pigs, Chickens and Ducks
- Learning how farming impacts our lives and where food comes from
- Guided by the children's interests, our experienced team will facilitate and support children with having fun, developing their animal care knowledge and skills, creating team projects, social skills and wellbeing activities - underpinned by the resilience framework

'The Stable'

- For children in **Key Stage 3 (11-14 year olds)** who are home educated
- Maximum 12 learners split into 2 smaller groups of 6
- Half day - 1 x 2.5hour session weekly during term time on a **THURSDAY morning 9.30am – 12pm**
- This is a drop off session and parents do not attend (although please do discuss this with me if a phased start is required).
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Cost: **Half day £20 per child**

Booking is through Eventbrite (Search South Brockwells Farm) where you will see the sessions on offer for the term ahead. If you prefer to confirm by email for the full term and pay by BACS this can be arranged.

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We recognise that parents, schools and learners needs may vary and we will try our best to accommodate particular circumstances. To seek further information, arrange a discussion or simply make a booking, please contact Caroline Tasker at education@southbrockwellsfarm.com or on 07742 966765

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What our parents say

"Our two were 'mini farmers' at the farm today. They absolutely loved it and couldn't wait to tell us about all the things they had been allowed to do. They have fallen in love with the goats and a lamb called Stanley! Thank you so much to all of the lovely staff at the farm for making this such a special day for our children, they can't wait to come and see you again 😊" (April 2022).

"Our children attended "Mini farmers" today and have had such an amazing experience! Thank you to all the staff for such a fun packed day, and to see a baby kid (Goat) being born too ! They have definitely built some memories today". (April 2022)

"My 8 year old attended Farm School today and absolutely loved it! She hasn't stopped talking about everything they did, and saw. She's already asking when she can go back again, so was definitely a big hit. Thank you to everyone involved in making it happen". (April 2022)

