



Fields and Farms | Provision visit information

We are an alternative provision based on a small holding, we create opportunities for outdoor learning experiences for children and young people with additional needs.

Contact details	Jo Dudek jo@fieldsandfarms.org.uk 07759312511
Location and Parking	8 Stapleton Lane Kirkby Mallory LE9 7QJ Parking is available on the driveway shared with the house. Access is via the wooden door to the left of the house – sign and ring door bell on the door.
Opening times	9.30am to 2.30pm Leicestershire term time only
Facilities	We have a brick cabin on site which has a learning space, kitchen area, office and chill out area. There is a unisex toilet. Hand washing facilities are in the bathroom and in the cabin. The whole site is securely fenced and includes a paddock, chicken enclosure, small animal enclosures, flower garden, pond area and stables.
What we offer	Our alternative provision offers a range of outdoor learning opportunities within five main areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal care• Horticulture• Ground care and conservation• Art and Design• Horsemanship We carry out tasks and activities such as feeding and handling animals, planting and harvesting in the garden, cooking and baking with the produce we have grown, photography and painting.
Staff information	The provision is staffed by myself, Jo and Nicki, Lisa and Becca my colleagues. Nicki and I are both qualified teachers and started Fields and Farms in 2020. Lisa and Becca bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from their small holding and forest



	school training. We all have current DBS certificates. We have a wealth of experience with children and young people of all ages and with a range of learning difficulties. We all have a passion for the outdoors and between us a variety of experience in animal husbandry, horticulture and other outdoor activities.
Resources	We provide gloves as and when needed and also high vis vests which must be worn at all time. Children and young people must wear suitable footwear such as boots or wellies and also bring warm and waterproof clothes.
Risk assessments	We have risk assessments to cover each area we may be working in. We will carry out individual risk assessments for children/young people who we deem necessary.
Policies and procedures	All our Policies and Procedures are available to view in the cabin and can also be emailed on request.
Accessibility	We have good sturdy pathways around most of the site and the toilet and cabin can be accessed without a step. Unfortunately at the moment there is a step from the front gate but we hope to install a ramp in due course.
First aid/Safeguarding/Fire safety	There are two level three trained first aiders on site. Jo Dudek is the DSL The Fire safety policy outlines the procedures and the assembly point is clearly sign posted.

Health and Safety on the farm

We are committed to keeping everyone safe on our farm. As with all farms there are of course risks and therefore rules must be set and adhered to so that we all stay safe.

The risk of infection is very small but the diseases caused by infection could be serious, by following simple Health and Safety guidelines the risk is minimised.

The Health and Safety executive has produced guidelines for schools and group visit to farms – these can be found at www.visitmyfarm.org.uk



Washing hands – We have hand washing facilities in the toilet block and cabin, please ensure all hands are washed after working anywhere on the farm, before eating and before leaving the farm.

Fields and Farms Health and Safety rules

Please only eat food that you have brought to the farm or prepared in the kitchen, do not eat food that has fallen to the ground and do not eat animal feed.

Do not eat or chew unless in the designated area.

Check that cuts, grazes etc are covered with waterproof dressings.

Make sure that children and young people wear suitable clothing and shoes.

Make sure children and young people do not suck fingers or chew pencils/crayons etc.

Check footwear before leaving and use the foot bath if necessary, to clean boots.

Do not pick up tools or equipment unless told to do so under supervision.

Listen carefully and follow the instructions being given by the farm staff.

Do not climb on equipment, fencing or walls.

Please approach and handle the animals quietly and gently and do not chase or tease them.