

JAMIE'S FARM MONMOUTH



About Jamie's Farm

Jamie's Farm helps children to flourish at home, in education and in the community through an intensive week-long immersion in rural life. We provide young people with a tailored range of activities designed to offer each an opportunity for achievement, as well as a supportive family environment that encourages them to push themselves out of their comfort zone. Our skilled therapists use one to one and group sessions to allow pupils to reflect on their lives on the farm and back home, in order to draw out tangible strategies for improvements to be realised when they return. By working with teachers and committing to follow up visits in school, we aim to make changes catalysed by Jamie's Farm last. Our programme has a proven, long lasting impact on children: in the last academic year, six months on from their visit, 68% of visiting children who were at risk of exclusion were no longer in this category, and 43% of those who weren't on track in core subjects became on track.

The initial spark for the charity came from Jamie Feilden, who was teaching in a Croydon comprehensive school when he began taking inner-city pupils back to his home farm in Wiltshire. Ten years on, we welcome over 1300 young people each year to our Bath, Hereford and Monmouth farms, and are about to embark on the next phase of our expansion, to Lewes in Sussex. Having built up a firm financial foundation and developed long-term relationships with partner schools, the sustainability of the charity has been assured. Now we are determined to improve our practice and to expand the charity, in order that even greater numbers of young people can benefit from the transformative experience we aim to offer.

About Jamie's Farm, Monmouth

Having proven that our model is scalable through our expansion onto our second site in Herefordshire, we expanded further to our third farm just outside of Monmouth, our first site in Wales. The farm opened to children in January 2018, and by the start of 2019, over 400 children will have benefitted from our transformative programme.

Consequently, it will be a great time to join the team, with the buildings and the majority of the site fully developed and the current post-holder leaving our excellent team [to become Manager of our Hereford farm] in good shape. The location of the farm is ideal: perched overlooking the Forest of Dean with the Offa's Dyke Path running down the middle of our land. The farm is run in a sustainable way that enhances the ecology of the Wye Valley. Our kitchen garden – with amazing views over the valley – provides us with as much of the fruit and vegetables as we can grow.

