

KCL — King's Centre of Learning

Commissioner Pack

The Farm School — Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire

Therapeutic, farm-based Alternative Provision for neurodiverse learners

Approved provider — [framework / DPS name]

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1. About KCL

KCL Skills & Assessment Centre is a specialist therapeutic Alternative Provision, accessible assessment and progression centre for neurodiverse children and young people. We deliver online, at home, at our Denham centre, and now at the Farm School in Chalfont St Peter.

Our model rests on four pillars: therapeutic engagement, functional life-skills, accessible assessment, and long-term progression. Regulation comes first — because it is the precondition for any learning.

2. The Farm School — Chalfont St Peter

Set on a working farm in Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, the Farm School offers therapeutic AP built around animal care, land-based work, and purposeful outdoor routine. It is designed for learners for whom classroom settings have stopped working — EBSA, placement breakdown, SEMH, autism, ADHD and wider neurodiverse profiles.

- Working animals and growing areas, with daily welfare and husbandry routines
- Barn classroom and calm, low-arousal indoor learning spaces
- Small groups and 1:1, high staff ratios
- Minutes from the M25/M40 corridor; close to our Denham centre
- Capacity: [X] learners per day · Places available from [date]

3. Who we serve

- Key Stages 2–4, plus post-16 progression routes
- EBSA / emotionally-based school avoidance
- Autistic, ADHD, and wider neurodiverse profiles
- SEMH needs, placement breakdown, or risk of permanent exclusion

No diagnosis is required for referral. Where an EHCP is in place, all provision and assessment is mapped to its outcomes.

4. Curriculum & accreditation

Route	What it delivers
AQA Unit Award Scheme	No-exam unit certification for animal care, horticulture and farm skills — evidencing small, motivating steps
Functional Skills	English and maths from Entry Level upward, taught through applied farm tasks
NCFE qualifications	Regulated vocational routes with currency toward post-16, college and land-based training
Arts Award (Trinity)	Recognised creative qualification — KCL is a registered Arts Award Centre

Assessment runs alongside teaching — sensory-aware, flexible, and mapped to EHCP outcomes — rather than as one-off testing.

5. A sample day

Time	Session
9:30	Arrival and animal check-in — feeding rounds, welfare checks
10:15	Core learning — Functional Skills applied to the farm
11:30	Land and animal work — husbandry, growing, seasonal projects (AQA evidence)
12:30	Lunch
13:15	Life-skills / creative session — Arts Award, woodwork, enterprise
14:15	Reflection and journalling — progress captured against EHCP outcomes
14:45	Close of day

Timetables are shaped to each learner; attendance builds gradually where needed (taster sessions and phased starts available).

6. Safeguarding & compliance

- Named Designated Safeguarding Lead: [name]
- Enhanced DBS checks for all staff; single central record maintained
- Safeguarding, behaviour, health & safety and site risk assessment policies available on request
- Public liability and employers' liability insurance in place: [insurer / cover level]
- Registered entity: Care Consort Ltd t/a King's Centre of Learning · [company number]

7. Reporting & review

- Placement acknowledged within 24 hours of referral
- [Fortnightly] progress updates to the referring school
- [Half-termly] written reports mapped to EHCP outcomes
- Attendance reported [daily/weekly] to the commissioning school/LA
- Regular review meetings with family, school and LA

8. How to refer

KCL is an approved provider on [framework name], so funding arrangements are pre-agreed for commissioning schools and local authorities.

1. Send the referral form (enclosed / available at kclearning.org) with the EHCP or support plan and any risk information
2. We respond within 24 hours to arrange a site visit or taster session
3. Placement decision within [5] working days, with a start plan agreed with the referring school

To refer, book a site visit, or discuss a learner:

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