

Individual Growth, Individual People'

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Extended Schools Policy

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At Newark Orchard School we strive to develop life skills to ensure our students are prepared to the best of their ability for leaving the school into adulthood. Part of this ethos is ensuring students are given opportunities beyond the classroom, this extended school's policy is part of this offer.

The school's cohort consists of students from across Nottinghamshire and neighbouring counties. The majority of students are provided transport from the county and this creates a big barrier to accessing afterschool provision. Therefore, the school focuses on lunchtime clubs, residential, camping experiences and forging positive links with external clubs that area accessible and appropriate for our students.

Lunchtime Clubs

A range of lunchtime clubs are offered at the beginning of term for the students. These are tailored to different needs and age groups. The offer of lunchtime clubs is shared with school council and they are encouraged to suggest clubs their class may enjoy. Staff also will share their own hobbies and interests through these clubs. Successful lunchtime clubs have included Ladies that lunch, running, computers, choir, Harry Potter club, art, drama and games club. The students make their choices of attending at the beginning of term. The clubs change termly, unless it is requested that they continue.

Residential

Newark Orchard schools currently offers two 4-night stay residential. The first one is aimed at Key Stage Three and is using the Nottinghamshire outdoors centre, Hagg Farm. The students experience a range of outdoor activities including walking, climbing, abseiling, rock climbing and gauge walking which are adapted to their needs. The second residential is at Skegness Butlins and is aimed at our leavers. They have to use their life skills to plan each day's meals and activities. They develop their boundaries of appropriate behaviours whilst enjoying the activities on offer and learn how to stick to a budget.

Both residential are adapted annually to the cohort students that are attending and ensure needs are met throughout.

Camping experiences

To help our students experiencing a change of routine and staying away from home without usual care givers, in Key stage 2 a later night is offered at school with a BBQ. The students can experience playing inside some tents and enjoying some free play with their friends. These students are then collected by their parents/carers.

In the summer months, some overnight camping experiences are offered for junior and key stage three students. They stay over night with camp crafts and activities usually including camp fire songs. They enjoy their evening meal and breakfast with their peers and share a tent with them.

This allows the students to experience staying away from home and families whilst with their peers and experience what camping feels like. There is also the option of being collected before bed time.

Positive Links with external Providers

Newark Orchard school currently has one external provider who leases our school building – Bridge Together – who runs respite care for children and young adults who have additional needs on a Thursday evening, Saturday and during the school holidays. The majority of our students can access this offer.

Newark Orchard school has also forged links with a local archery group who have created a new accessible group using the school site and offer an afterschool club for those with additional needs.

In Post 16 and Key Stage 4 the students are offered opportunities to use the facilities at the Newark Leisure centre and YMCA centre during school time. By visiting these providers during school hours, the students are given the opportunity to learn how best to access and use the facilities with staff supporting them. The students are shown how they can access these facilities outside of school hours.