



Woodend Farm

Rated '5 – Very Good' by the Care Inspectorate, Woodend Farm is set in a rural location in South Ayrshire. The children's home offers a unique farm life experience that allows residents to sample a wider caring environment. This is achieved through active participation in delivering care to farm animals and promoting positive engagement in therapeutic work.

Woodend Farm provides first class living quarters for five children and young people aged 8 to 18 years. The service provides three en-suite bathrooms, two lounges, a kitchen-diner, and panoramic surrounding of green fields and trees.



Supporting the needs of the young people

Young people with a range of needs benefit greatly from the therapeutic nature of the farm. This includes trauma and adverse childhood experiences, an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD), pathological demand avoidance (PDA), social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs and child sexual exploitation (CSE). All of the young people at the children's home present as high risk, are exceptionally vulnerable and are in need of the greater protection available at this service.

The family environment, routines and strategies are in line with what works best for the young people. The staff ratios reflect the needs of the young people, offering 1:1 and 2:1 support, and a 24-hour waking service.

Young people supported at Woodend Farm have access to specialist education services provided by Radio City School, which is part of Aspris Children's Services. We also have strong links with other local mainstream and specialist external education provisions.

Providing best practice

Woodend Farm places a strong emphasis on engaging with children and young people, and enabling them to identify their living situation as no ordinary care setting.

A core practice at Woodend Farm is role modelling, to encourage positive interactions in tackling issues, resilience and social engagement. Our team are skilled and experienced in providing positive transitions for young people from previous placements, through careful and inclusive planning.



“Children and young people enjoyed warm, trusting, and nurturing relationships with those caring for them. The staff were compassionate, had an understanding of trauma and were motivated to spend time having fun with the young people.”

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“The young people consistently told us that they felt safe and we saw positive examples of staff responding to young people’s changing needs and pro-actively working with other agencies to support them.”

Resident at Waterside

A range of activities

It is hoped that fuller social integration for children and young people can be supported through a combination of active farm living and participation in wider social activities and interests. The children and young people will benefit from access to hill walking and the nearby woodland, as well as hands-on opportunities to support the animal husbandry that they witness daily.

The achievements on the farm are used as opportunities to celebrate the contribution of everyone who works and lives there. In addition, young people are able to access a wide range of community activities in the local area. These include:

- Davis and Pyramid Snooker Club
- Citadel Centre with swimming/gym
- Local football clubs
- Beach Park
- Heads of Ayr Farm Park
- Culzean Castle
- Zumba and Clubbercise



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