



Welcome To Prime8 Education

Where YOU DO matter!!

Today is the start of a new beginning for you. All the staff at Prime8 believe you deserve a fresh start and that is what will be given. Prime8 community has Growth mindset at its core where the focus is on the positives of what learners and staff CAN do and to embrace mistakes as an opportunity to learn. Mantras such as “never give up” and strive to “be the best you can be” are a part of Prime8’s vocabulary which will help develop key foundations for life; resilience and determination.

Arriving at Prime8 on your first day is quite scary and staff will be on hand to meet you at the door and to help put you at your ease. One of our Learner Ambassadors will also be on hand to guide you through the process of induction.

As an Education Provider we have been growing since our formation in September 2018 when we had just three students- two of whom still attend, and one small cabin. We were based at Wetlands Animal Park and worked closely with the Education Provider already on site.

Today we have two main spaces; our Woodland Hub in Drakeholes for Forest School and mindfulness and an Education Hub based at Stirling Road in Retford. You will be given opportunities to use and enjoy both.

We also have a growing Community Hub where students struggling to socialise or engage can gain confidence on a 1:1 basis with our friendly staff.

Your first day at ‘base’; whether Woodland or Stirling Road, will follow the same routine. You will undergo a short but necessary induction with a single member of staff and a student Ambassador. We will look at the health and safety of both sites and then staff will find out more about you through a pen picture- don’t worry staff will help you fill it in. You will then meet the other learners and have a tour of the site.

At break and lunch, you will be able to socialise and get to know your peers. Hot and cold drinks are available, and we try to accommodate your food preferences (within reason!)– all we ask is that you wash up your pots after use.

Staff will spend time going through your timetable and will discuss with you what you do and don’t like and how you think you are doing academically on an ongoing basis. We will try and tailor your timetable to suit you which will be reviewed throughout your time with us.

We offer a range of enrichment activities including dog training as well as academics such as Maths, English and Science. You may choose to undertake a short course in ASDAN (staff will talk you through what that is) or you may prefer more creative options.

We know you may struggle to begin with, but staff are always on hand to speak to, and you will have your own Keyworker who will be yours and your parent/carers first point of contact.

We understand that you may have traits that make you unique but at times challenging for you to manage so we will be there to support and help with strategies to self-manage. To help you we use Mindfulness

activities and have quiet areas in both bases where you can take a few minutes to calm. We can also work through a behaviour care plan if you or staff feel you need it.

We are looking forward to helping you settle at Prime8 and to help you achieve your greatness.

Today you have taken the first step to your new beginning ...

The Prime8 Team