



## 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. The 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 and one small cabin. We now have two main spaces: Our main academic base, at Stirling Road in Retford, which provides GCSE/Functional Skills qualifications in core subjects and AQA Unit Awards for the wider curriculum. This is complemented by our return to Wetlands with our Forest School provision with an emphasis on Vocational learning as well as mindfulness activities. You may be given opportunities to use and enjoy both.

We also offer 1:1 in the Community for EHCP students where confidence build is the focus before accessing one of our small group provisions (if this is the right next step for you).

Your first day at Prime8; whether Base, Wetlands or Community will follow a similar routine. You will undergo a short but necessary induction with a single member of staff and a student Ambassador where possible. We will look at the health and safety of 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 as appropriate.

When attending Base or Wetlands, at break and lunch, you will be able to socialise and get to know your peers. Hot and cold drinks are available, you will be involved in preparing snack or meals, 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 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 the first point of contact for you and your parent/carer.

We understand that you may have traits that make you unique but are also, 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 available 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**