



MAPLEWELL HALL SCHOOL

Animal Care at Maplewell Hall School

The Animal Care department aims to show students how to be safe and respectful around animals in the wild, in public and as pets. There is also the opportunity for students to gain relevant qualifications depending on their ability in Maths and English in addition to SEN and SEMH needs. Our aim is to develop students' awareness of environmental impact and farming in the community.

The Animal Care curriculum is implemented by practical learning and classroom based learning, and is built from the City and Guilds assessment, and can be seen in the departments planning.

Animal Care is currently only studied at Key Stage 4 and 5. We want to prepare students to be able to work effectively at college and in their further education in the animal care sector, as well as promoting student engagement in the subject area.

This supports student's progression to college and onto courses that are at an appropriate level for them in the animal care subject area. This also has impact on the employability of students when they leave Maplewell Hall School.

How the qualification is assessed:

Internal assessment. This is assessed by creating a portfolio of units containing photos and written work.

Examples of units that may be covered in the qualification:

- Animal Health and Wellbeing
- Caring for Animals - Feeding and Grooming
- Moving, Handling, Catching and Restraining Small Animals
- Receiving, Storing and Preparing Animal Feed
- Understanding Animals
- Working in Animal Care

Students will need ...

- Warm outdoor clothing
- Love of the outdoors and animals
- Pencil/ Pen and stationary equipment for write up sessions and course work

Our assessment and evidence of learning alongside the portfolio-based assessment will assist learners with developing a range of transferable skills, and in applying their knowledge in unfamiliar contexts.

After following the Maplewell qualifications in Animal Care, students can go on to further their education at college focusing on Level 2 and 3 qualifications. Students may also consider jobs and futures in the following areas:

- Veterinary nursing
- Animal management
- Grooming and dog walking
- Feeding and caring for animals
- RSPCA
- Animal behaviour

Following any of the Animal Care pathways will also allow students to develop their personal skills such as communication and time management. This will form part of the essential skills for employment that we work on at Maplewell Hall School.