



## **Use of Off-Site and Alternative Provision**

Cornfields school is committed to providing a broad and balanced curriculum which is built around our pupils. Our focus is on ensuring that we improve life chances by engaging pupils so that they can find a sense of belonging in the world, engage in society and become responsible citizens. Utilising high quality alternative and offsite provision can add significant impact and diversity to the curriculum quality that our pupils are offered. It can also improve the progress and attainment opportunities for pupils.

Where pupils attend any off-site provision, Cornfields School continues to take responsibility for its pupils. We put in place rigorous monitoring and quality assurance mechanisms to ensure that any provision used is a suitable and safe placement that will meet pupils' pastoral, academic, vocational, technical and SEND needs. We have tight systems to track attendance and the behaviour and how well the provision promotes the pupils' personal development.

Where we utilise another provision, we ensure safeguarding checks are conducted and we monitor and continue to make sure safeguarding checks are conducted to ensure that it is a safe place for pupils to attend. We record and check the registration status of any alternative providers that we use. Ofsted outlines in the Handbook for inspecting non-association independent schools in England under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008 that '...any provider of alternative provision must be registered as an independent school if it caters full time for five or more pupils of compulsory school age, or one such pupil who is looked after or has an education, health, and care (EHC) plan. We carefully check provisions we use to ensure that they are statutory compliant and are not illegal schools.

We operate a register which records the checks we have undertaken, the risk assessments in place, evidence of our safeguarding policy being shared and a log of visits and quality assurance that we conduct on provisions. This register is available for inspection to any interested party on request.

The off-site providers we have risk assessments in place for and have previously used are detailed below.

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Nature of Provision</b>	<b>Status of Provision</b>
Rowhill School	Motor vehicle	Registered school graded 'Good' by Ofsted.
Nelson Park Equestrian Centre	Equestrian and riding centre	Riding centre
Stour Centre	Tramplng and swimming	Leisure Centre
Julie Rose Stadium	Athletics	Council run sports stadium
Rare Breeds Centre	Outdoor and natural learning environment	Registered care farm

Our preference will always be to develop our own provisions rather than using offsite or alternative provisions. This is because we have greater oversight of all aspects of the delivery including the risk assessments, curriculum content and we are able to hold to account more easily when we are delivering it. There are some occasions where it is more appropriate to access expertise and facilities held by others and where this occurs, we are rigorous in ensuring that all aspects of delivery and oversight are in place to the standard we would have in place if we were delivering it. When provisions are used, we conduct at least half termly quality assurance reviews.