




POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



RESIDENTIAL CARE AND SPECIALIST SCHOOL



"The staff team works collaboratively to achieve good outcomes for children and young people. There is good feedback about the impact staff have on the lives of those in their care."

– OFSTED (HIGHFIELD), MARCH 2019

WELCOME TO HALCYON

Highfield (North East) Ltd, trading as Halcyon, operate an independent specialist school and two residential homes for young people in the North East of England. Established in 2009, we have a strong track record of delivering high quality holistic care and education.

Each home offers medium to long term care for young people aged 9 – 17. Old Farm School offers a bespoke curriculum to meet the needs of children and young people aged 11-19 with social, emotional, and mental health and moderate learning difficulties.

I am Bill Ashton, Director of Highfield (North East).
I would like to give you all a warm welcome and introduction to our amazing residential homes and school for young people in the North East of England.



RIGWOOD HOUSE

RESIDENTIAL HOME

Rigwood House provides medium to long-term residential care for up to 5 young people aged between 9-17, of any gender. Rigwood House has a good reputation for delivering strong outcomes for young people.

I am Angela Morrison, manager at Rigwood House. I have worked in residential care since 2016. I have a degree in Criminology and am currently working towards a Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare.

I was appointed manager at Rigwood in November 2020.

Rigwood House is set in 3.5 acres of paddock and woodland on the outskirts of Saltburn-by-sea, where there are a good variety of services including shops, a library, and leisure centre with gym and swimming pool.

Saltburn is also a fine seafront destination with a beautiful beach and a wide range of activities available, including surfing. Located on the Tees Valley Line, Saltburn has excellent links to local and national rail services, and a number of regular bus services.

Downstairs Rigwood House has a large entrance foyer, two reception rooms, a reception/dining room, and kitchen. There is also a young person's quiet room with telephone. Upstairs there are two offices, five bedrooms (one with an en-suite), and two bathrooms.

The home is in a rural setting that enables the children and young people to have access to chickens, goats and growing fruit and vegetables on the land, which promotes relaxation. The children's and young people's rooms are personalised to suit their preferences and tastes.



Angela Morrison
Manager at Rigwood House

Informal learning opportunities within the home enable the children and young people to learn and give back to the community, such as visiting the local animal sanctuary and raising money for charity.

- Ofsted, November 2019



HIGHFIELD

RESIDENTIAL HOME

Highfield, opened in 2009, provides medium to long-term residential care for up to 4 young people aged between 9-17, of any gender. Since opening, Highfield has developed a strong reputation for delivering positive outcomes for young people.

My name is Steven Cooke and I have been the manager of Highfield since it opened in 2009. I have over 28 years' experience working with children and young people in various settings. I have worked in residential settings for over 12 years caring for young people with learning difficulties and behavioural problems, and over 15 years working in a youth club – eventually becoming youth club leader.

I am qualified to a level 5 equivalent in Leadership and Management and Working with Children and Young People.

Highfield is a detached property set in a semi-rural location in the village of Brotton in the east of the borough of Redcar and Cleveland and only 2 miles from Saltburn-by-the-sea, a fine sea-front destination with a beautiful beach and a wide range of activities available, including surfing.

There are a good variety of services including shops, a library, and leisure centre with gym and swimming pool. Located on the Tees Valley Line, Saltburn has excellent links to local and national rail services, and both Brotton and Saltburn are served by frequent bus services.

Downstairs the home has an entrance hall, a reception/dining room, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, toilet, and staff office. Upstairs there are four bedrooms and two bathrooms for young people.



Steven Cooke
Manager at Highfield

Bedrooms are personalised and children and young people are encouraged to help choose the colour scheme for other communal areas of the home. This is a homely home, which does not stand out in its environment, and the interior is well kept, clean and in no way institutional."

- Ofsted, November 2019



OLD FARM SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Established in 2016, Old Farm Special School is an independent specialist school providing education for young people aged between 11-19, within a peaceful location near Kilton Thorpe in Cleveland.

My name is Angela Noble and I, along with the proprietor, Bill Ashton, created a vision based on a growing demand for a school to support pupils with complex needs. Between us we have a combined 60 years' experience in the SEND field.



The school offers a bespoke Curriculum to meet the needs of young people with social, emotional and mental health and moderate learning difficulties.

The school has a maximum of 30 pupils at any one time and the outcome of the most recent Ofsted inspection was rated as "GOOD".

The peaceful location, the nurturing environment within the school, and the strong relationships between highly qualified and experienced staff, pupils and parents/carers are the key factors behind our strong track record of success in achieving very positive outcomes for young people.

Our LIFE (Learning Is For Everyone) Curriculum is based on the understanding of what young people need to progress through life. From this curriculum a bespoke package of learning is derived, catering to the individual needs of each pupil.



"Both the headteacher and the proprietor have a good knowledge of the independent school standards and this helps them to ensure that they are met consistently."

- OFSTED, JULY 2020

LIVE. LOVE. LEARN.



The site is very well maintained and the health and safety policy is implemented well. The site is bright, clean, tidy and safe for pupils and staff...the building and surrounding areas are maintained to a high standard.

- Ofsted, July 2020

Through comprehensive PSHE education, pupils learn about life in Britain, how to face risks and to have respect for people who are different to themselves. Pupils also learn how to keep themselves safe. They learn about staying healthy, physically and mentally.

- Ofsted, July 2020



A full programme is in place for careers education. The headteacher has set up and continues to set up links with colleges and businesses in the local area. There is a focus on ensuring pupils leave the school with skills and qualifications that make them employable.

- Ofsted, July 2020

My son has done exceptionally well and will be very sad to leave. Old Farm School has been great and very supportive

- Parent, March 2021



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