Willowfield ACADEMY

Allotment Education

Intent:

At Willowfield Academy, our Allotment Education programme, delivered by 'Allotment Education', develops pupils' confidence, **Independence**, and connection with the natural world, while building practical life skills that contribute to **Preparation for Adulthood**. Grounded in the belief that every child can succeed in nature, the curriculum supports emotional wellbeing, resilience, and personal growth through meaningful engagement with horticulture and environmental care.

Pupils learn to grow, nurture, and care for plants across the seasons, gaining hands-on experience in seed sowing, harvesting, wildlife support, and sustainable gardening practices. These experiences promote fine and gross motor development, teamwork, communication, and reflection; delivered through a rich, multisensory learning environment.

Success is built into every stage of the curriculum. Pupils take pride in seeing visible outcomes of their efforts, whether through growing crops, improving school grounds, or contributing to wildlife habitats. Learning is carefully sequenced across the year and flexibly adapted to pupil needs, starting points and levels of access.

Cross-curricular links to Science, DT, PSHE, and Life Skills are embedded throughout, deepening understanding of healthy living, environmental responsibility, and enterprise. Pupils are also encouraged to grow plants at home and engage their families in gardening, extending their learning beyond the school gates.

By engaging with Allotment Education, pupils become more confident, independent, and environmentally responsible individuals who are ready to apply their skills in real-world settings and adult life.