



Apply to be a Jamie's Farm Apprentice: Farming Role

Location

Jamie's Farm Lewes (BN7 3QL)

Hours

30 hours a week (typically 4 days)

Start date

November 2026

Duration

15 - 24 Months (depending on college course)

Pay

Apprenticeship wage

Age range

17-21

Deadline to apply

Thursday 1 October, 5pm

Interviews

Friday 9 October (online) and Thursday 15 October (in person)

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in becoming an apprentice at Jamie's Farm. Don't worry if it's your first job application. Just be honest, tell us about yourself and ask if you have any questions. We're here to help! There is no such thing as a 'perfect' candidate for a Jamie's Farm apprenticeship, we are more interested in your potential to thrive in this role than your past achievements. You do not have to have achieved certain grades to qualify for this role – many of the young people we work with on the farm find school a challenging place to be, and we are keen to find apprentices who may be able to identify with this!



About Jamie's Farm

Jamie's Farm is a working farm and charity that gives young people a chance to reset, reflect, and build confidence. We welcome groups of young people throughout the year to live and work on the farm for a week. They help with animals, cooking, gardening and more, and our apprentices are a key part of making it all happen. We use a regenerative farming approach that protects our environment, and we hope you'll love being a part of that. You can watch [a short film about a week on Jamie's Farm here](#).

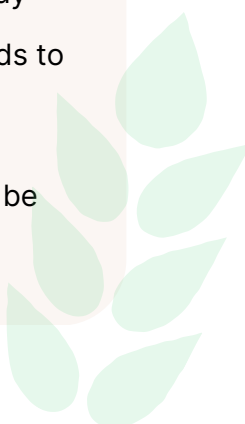
About the Role

We're looking for one Farm Apprentice to join the farm team. You'll help with all the daily work that keeps our farm running and make sure that the young people who visit us have an amazing experience too. You'll be part of a welcoming team, learning lots of hands-on skills in farming and animal care, while also supporting young visitors during their week-long stays at Jamie's Farm. Jamie's Farm is home to busy, working farms where we care for animals like cows, sheep, pigs and chickens. We do things in a way that's good for the environment - like moving animals around different fields to keep the land healthy, planting a mix of grasses and herbs for them to eat, and growing more hedges to support wildlife. We believe farming is a brilliant way to help young people grow confidence, responsibility and skills. If you love being outdoors, enjoy physical work, and are keen to learn more about animals and farming, this could be a great first step in your career. We're looking for someone who's practical, reliable, and ready to muck in with the team. You'll be supported by experienced farmers, and there will be chances to visit our other farms and learn even more.



What you'll do

- Check on animals every day to make sure they have food, water, and are healthy
- Help run farm sessions and "Feeding Rounds" with visiting young people
- Work with animals during tasks like weighing, vaccinating, or worming (you'll be shown how)
- Be part of the lambing and calving seasons, when baby animals are born – these are busy but exciting times!
- Put up and look after electric fences and water pipes, and help move animals to new fields
- Use equipment like tractors, quad bikes (ATVs), and simple tools when needed (Some of these require you to have completed training before you are able to use them. Your college will offer different training opportunities for you to sign up to)
- Help keep the farm safe and tidy
- Learn how to keep basic records to meet our farm standards
- Take your turn working the weekend sometimes – this will be part of your paid hours



Learn on the job

You'll work towards a **Level 3 Livestock Unit Technician** qualification (or **Level 2 General Farm Worker**, depending on your experience). We'll help you find a training provider and support you with your application. Your work on the farm will take place on the days when you aren't in college. Don't worry if you didn't pass English or Maths GCSEs. We can help you gain your functional skills, too. The skills you will learn, and the qualification you will work towards, will enable you to go on to a range of different careers once your time with Jamie's Farm comes to an end.

Who were' looking for

You don't need lots of experience or top grades. We're looking for someone who:

- Is aged **17–21** (you must have finished Year 11)
- Wants to work in farming or with animals in the future
- The Lewes Team are particularly interested in someone keen on equine and farming
- Is happy getting muddy and working hard outdoors
- Can be a positive role model to young people
- Wants to live and work in a rural setting
- Is reliable, curious, and ready to learn new things

What you'll get

- A generous 39 days holiday (pro rata)
- Meals during working hours
- Training, mentorship, and support to grow
- Travel and accommodation covered when working away from your main farm
- Extra support if you need help with travel or other costs

Before you apply

Make sure you:

- Fill in the application form or send in a short video
- Add a referee (like a teacher or youth worker - someone who knows you well)
- Don't worry about work experience - you can tell us about school, hobbies, family life, or anything else that shows who you are!



How to apply

You can apply by:

- Filling in our application form (you can ask for help!)
- Please also fill in the Equal Opportunities form found on the jobs page (return this via email)
- If you would prefer to send a **video application** rather than the written personal statement, you are welcome to do so.
- Or sending a CV and cover letter to: **recruitment@jamiesfarm.org.uk**

Need help applying? Want to ask something first? Get in touch with **Elly** at: **ellyhayes@jamiesfarm.org.uk** – we'd love to hear from you.

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Do you have questions?

Please email Elly Hayes, Outreach Manager at **ellyhayes@jamiesfarm.org.uk** with any questions you might have!

