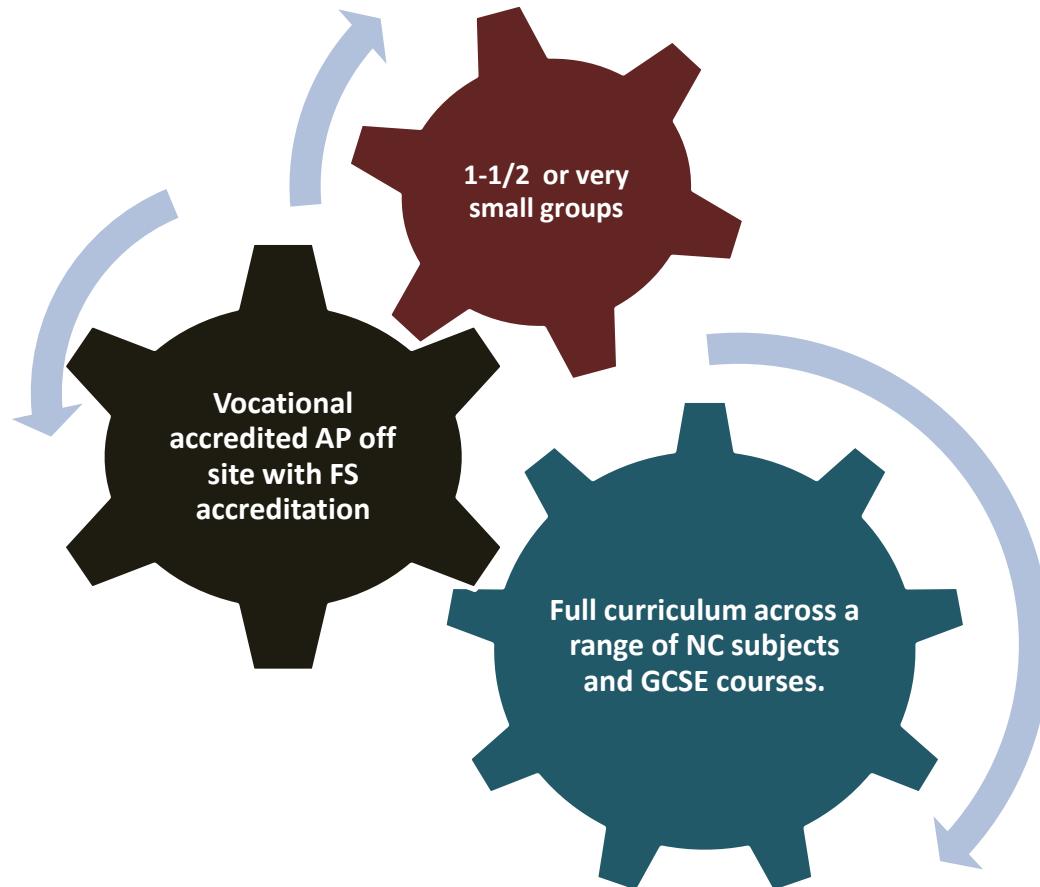


The Acorns School PRU 'Intervention and Alternative programme offer' to schools September 2025

This offer has been reviewed because of the changing nature of the cohort.



The Acorns enhanced offer

- Dual roll procedures apply in most cases unless there is agreement for single roll from Local Authorities. Offer based on collaborative review process which Acorns will lead and mainstream schools will be expected to participate.
- If a mainstream school seeks long term intervention in years 10 and 11 and this is agreed between all parties, The Acorns School will commit to retaining that pupil. This will also be on a dual roll basis in line with DfE protocols. There will be exceptions to this and in this event, there will be full discussions between all parties before ending a place.
- **Where schools require support for assessment for an EHCP, The Acorns School will take the lead and host schools will support the process. Please refer to the graduated offer for pupils with an EHCP or on the assessment pathway.**
- Intervention pupils who would benefit from days offsite at Vocational Provision may be accommodated by prior agreement. The additional costs of this provision may be charged to the mainstream school. The Acorns School will manage the contract with the vocational provider and will carry out all quality assurance checks to Ofsted/LCC agreed standards.
- Pupil transport will be provided for all intervention pupils who live more than 3 miles from the school. If the pupil lives within West Lancashire, pupil transport costs are included within the daily rate. If a pupil lives outside of West Lancashire, pupil transport costs will be charged back to the mainstream school in addition to the agreed daily rate.
- Where pupils require support with Team Around the School, safeguarding referrals, attendance at multi-agency meetings, core groups, child protection conferences or PEP meetings, this will be included in the agreed daily rate.
- Each pupil will require a 6-weekly review, which mainstream schools will be expected to attend. If a pupil is deemed ready for reintegration back to mainstream, a named member of the Acorns Team will be available to support the reintegration.

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Commissioning

For general informal discussion/clarification please contact Jo Hodson, Head Teacher on 01695 575486

Commissioner	Cost	Payment	Contact
LCC Schools- short term KS3 interventions or KS4 interventions	<p>Offer is based on 'pay as you go' top-up of £9,165 for 39 weeks (£47 per day/ £235 per week) plus PPG</p> <p>Referrals considered on 'first come, first serve' basis.</p> <p>Year 11 exam entries must be made by the mainstream school and then a transfer of candidacy made to The Acorns School.</p>	Termly invoices	For informal discussion regarding making a referral, Sharon Murphy s.murphy@westlancspcss.lancs.sch.uk
LCC Schools- EHCP Pathway	<p>Offer 1: Pupils with an EHCP where we use the strategies and feed into reviews.</p> <p>Offer is based on 'pay as you go' top-up of £9,165 for 39 weeks (£47 per day/ £235 per week) plus PPG</p> <p>Offer 2: Pupils requiring an EP Report. The Acorns School can facilitate an EP report with a private EP. Acorns to pay half and mainstream school to pay half</p>	Termly invoices	To discuss a proposal relating to a LAC or SEND pupil contact Jo Hodson Headteacher j.hodson@westlancspcss.lancs.sch.uk

	<p>(£600 cost to mainstream schools) Acorns to use report on plan do and review cycle then feed strategies into learner passport to pass back to mainstream school. A daily rate of £60 per day/ £300 per week plus PPG to include SENCO time.</p> <p>Offer 3: We prepare the EHCP request, this includes SENCO from The Acorns School co-ordinating paperwork and graduated response then submitting the request, all liaison with the local authority. A daily rate of £60 per day/ £300 per week plus PPG to include SENCO time.</p>		
Local authorities LAC or SEND pupils	Package agreed based on specific needs (examples provided on request)	SEN Delegation	To discuss a proposal relating to a LAC or SEND pupil contact Jo Hodson Headteacher j.hodson@westlancspcss.lancs.sch.uk

Curriculum

Type of Provision	Rationale	Curriculum available
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 short term intervention of up to 12 weeks• KS3 Year 9 (Whit onwards) long term provision• Temporary/ assessment places pending statutory integrated assessment for EHCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide schools with some respite or further assessment if appropriate• To prepare for long term intervention in KS4• To seek/ gain specialist provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Literacy and Reading• Maths• Science• PE• Communication and Social Skills (ELSA)• Drama• Humanities• Life skills and cooking skills integrated course.• Personal Development

KS4 intervention	<p>Long term alternative intervention.</p> <p>Year 11 exam entries must be made by the mainstream school and then a transfer of candidacy made to The Acorns School.</p> <p>Vocational provision available at additional cost (to be agreed)</p>	<p>GCSE English GCSE Maths GCSE Biology GCSE Citizenship GCSE History</p> <p>BTEC Home Cooking BTEC Introductory Award in Sport BTEC Personal Development</p> <p>Unit Award Scheme for Drama</p> <p>Functional skills qualifications in English and Maths are also available for our hardest to reach pupils</p>
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