**Relevant and Applied Learning**

“Food growing can increase children’s scientific knowledge, and their environmental awareness. It also teaches them practical skills that will be useful throughout their lives.”

Caroline Spelman MP, Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Food Growing in Schools Taskforce Report, March 2012. **[Read the full report](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/organicgardening/food-growing-in-schools.php)**

“Working with large animals really switches disaffected students on. In a visit by the shadow minister for education to the school farm he asked one of our young men if he minded working with the animals when the weather was bad, the response – *it’s the only reason I come to school* !”

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