**Skills for Life**

“In addition to improving learning outcomes, food growing supports the acquisition of a wide range of skills. These include:

* essential life skills
* skills that equip young people for the work place
* horticultural skills and knowledge
* life skills such as cooking and communication
* financial and enterprise skills
* skills for employment e.g. team work, problem solving.”

Food Growing In Schools Taskforce Main Report, March 2012 [**Read the full report**](http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/organicgardening/food-growing-in-schools.php)

“Most importantly, the farm provides excellent opportunities for students' personal development. For example, students learn the importance of routine and the need for commitment when caring for animals; they learn to work in a team.”

Thomas Alleyne’s School, Uttoxeter. Ofsted report

“In addition, the Rural Dimension provides students with the opportunity to work alongside Employers, FE and HE institutions and industry members to widen students’ horizons and raise their aspirations.”

Lesley Ellis Head of The North School, Ashford, Kent