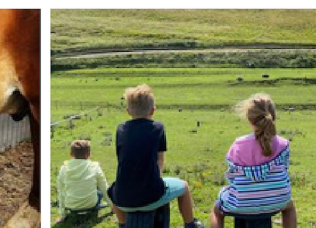




THE RANCH

- Soon, I will be visiting The Ranch in Weymouth.
- The Ranch is in Coombe Valley, there are lots of green hills and grass surrounding it.



I may feel anxious about going somewhere new. This is ok, and I am able to tell the grown ups this.

**The Ranch have helped many people feel less nervous and I will be ok.
The person that takes me to The Ranch will be someone I already know and will not leave unless I agree.**

The Ranch might be cold and muddy, so I can wear my wellingtons and coat.

If I want to wear my wellingtons and coat, there is a special place called **The Boot Room**, where I can do this, or hang my coat up if I want to.



If I need to go to the toilet, there is a small Eco loo that I am allowed to use.

There are buildings made of wood at The Ranch.

There is 'The Den' this is a safe space with things to do inside like painting or drawing.

There are tables and chairs on one side, and it is a dry and warm place to go in wet weather.



If I need to wash my hands, there is a hand wash station especially for that.

The Ranch has a signpost to help me find my way. I can also ask The Ranch team members if I feel unsure where things are and I can ask if I ever feel lost.



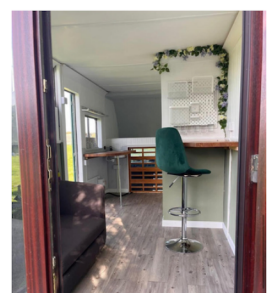
There are also stables, these have small fences around them called a 'paddock'. These fences keep horses either inside the paddock or outside the paddock.

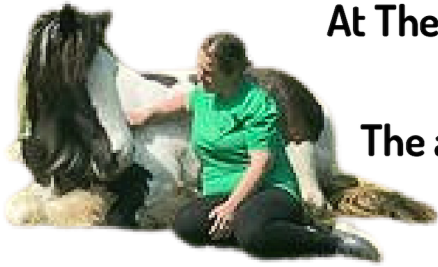


There is even a warm dry renovated horse lorry called 'Dotty,' which is now an actual office!

I will be shown where each of the animals live - these are called 'pens' or 'enclosures'.

I will learn how to open and close the door or gate of these safely and remember to close them when I leave.





At The Ranch there will be lots of different animals.

The animals are gentle and are used to being near people.



There will be horses, small ponies, rabbits, alpacas, ducks, pigs and even chickens. There will be a herd of friendly goats, these will be small, medium and not very large.

The goats may have horns, but these are not used to hurt people, just to butt and play with the other goats.



We can look at the animals. This will be ok.

We might be able to feed the animals. The Ranch team will help me. This will be ok. If I don't want to feed the animals, I can watch someone else feed them. This will be ok.



At The Ranch, I might be able to touch some of the animals.

This will be ok.

If I don't want to touch the animals, I can watch someone else do it.

That will be ok too.



Sometimes the horses will let us stroke and groom them, I can be shown how to do this if I want to.

If I don't want to touch the horse, this will be ok too. I can sit and watch.





Reggie

Our Team

Adults you may meet at The Ranch



Toni



James



Woody



Elle



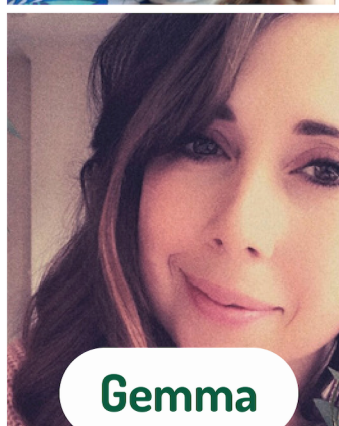
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Sarah



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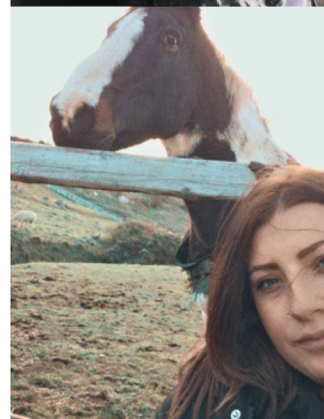
Diana



Ann



Tom



Shannon



**Sometimes there may be other young people like me visiting
The Ranch.**

**They may greet me and say 'Hi' or 'Hello'.
I can greet them back, but I do not have to if I am shy, the
other young people may also feel this way.**



**I will meet my special person from The Ranch, this person will
be my key worker, they will tell me their name.**

**I can ask my key worker to help me, and also any of the other
grown ups at The Ranch to help me, or take me to a quiet
space if I feel I need a break.**



**The grown ups also use a small building called 'The office'
which they sometimes also call 'the hide'.**

I can go to this building if I need help or feel unsure.

**At The Ranch, there are gates to enter and there will always
trusted adults to help me.**

**I will be able to know who they are by their staff picture on
their lanyard and their Ranch tops.**

**I will be safe and only people allowed at The Ranch will be
there.**

