

**BF Adventure** have been delivering educational, adventurous activity programmes to young people in Cornwall for **35 years**. We have a team of over **50 staff** dedicated to improving the lives of children and young people at our Goodygrane site.

The Skills for Life team are excited to formally announce that we have expanded and are now delivering our provision from **Nine Ashes Activity Centre**, Bodmin, PL30 3AD.

**We are seeking opportunities to develop small, inclusive, group programmes at Nine Ashes in partnership with local schools and MATs, to meet the needs of pupils who face challenges in engaging with formal education.**

We specialise in supporting:

- Pupils with Special Education Needs and Disabilities
- Pupils experiencing mental health difficulties
- Pupils who have no formal diagnosis who exhibit behaviours that challenge
- Children in Care

We offer:

- A commitment to safeguarding children and young people and to following procedures and practices
- A commitment to putting children and young people at the centre of all our decision making
- Highly skilled, qualified, practitioners from a range of professional backgrounds
- A commitment to multi-agency working and a joined up approach to meet the needs of children and young people
- Attendance and participation at multi-agency meetings
- Contribution to EHCP/PEP plans and reviews
- Sessional reports to referral agencies including evaluation of pupil progress



**SHELTER BUILDING**

**PROBLEM SOLVING**



**CRAFTS**

**COOKING**



**ORIENTEERING**

**FIRE LIGHTING**

### Our Approach

Our Skills for Life programmes primarily support children and young people who face challenges in engaging in full-time mainstream education and need some additional interventions to fulfil their potential. In 2022/23 we worked with 1115 children, young people (and some adults) through our Skills for Life programmes at our site near Penryn.

Most of the children and young people we support have a range of complex needs, often exacerbated by poverty. Some have experienced significant trauma through abuse, others have disabilities that make it difficult for them to understand the complexities of society and many have significant mental health concerns that prevent them from fully engaging with their education setting, families and peers. Many of these children and young people struggle to regulate their emotions and this can manifest in presenting behaviours that can challenge, making it difficult for mainstream education settings to meet their needs alongside the needs of the whole class.

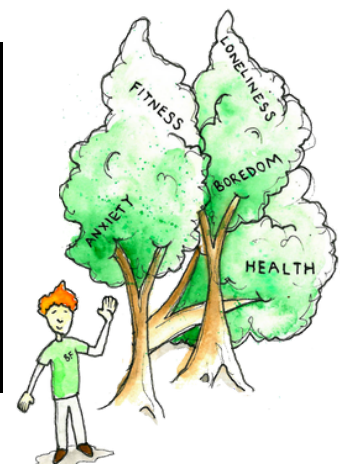
We work with schools, social workers, parent/carers, and the young person, to develop a programme that encourages the young person to understand themselves better and to develop coping strategies that enable them to participate more fully in mainstream education. We empower them to share their learning with their keyworkers.

**“BF Adventure are highly skilled in engaging with children and young people, helping them to express their wishes and feelings. They help them to see themselves & their futures differently. Their inclusive approach helps them build more positive relationships with their families, schools & peer groups.”**

-Ben Davies, Service Director  
Children and Families,  
Cornwall Council

### Costs:

1 session, 1 pupil (within a group): £200 per session  
1 session for up to 6 pupils: £800 per session  
6 sessions, 6 pupils: £750 per session  
12 sessions, 6 pupils: £700 per session (£116 per person per session)



The level of skill in trauma informed practice is outstanding. We have experienced 3 instructors and all, although different, have shown superb understanding and application of trauma informed practice. Our regular instructor has highly skilled communication, never wavers, is kind, encouraging, gentle but firm with the boundaries and full of fun to match the young person. The activities on offer are excellent, although we have only accessed a few so far. Our instructor is able to make an activity out of anything, she is imaginative and creative, able to encourage child led learning.

Teacher

I know that this experience has changed the young person's life.

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BF has been around for a long time and this is reflected in the experience and knowledge of their instructors. They have supported students with very complex issues and always find a way of engaging them by focusing on their strengths and individual interests. I know that if I place a student at BF they are in safe hands and will begin to thrive.

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I think the reports at the end of the provision were very helpful at capturing the effectiveness of the children's experiences.

Teacher

Outdoor relational, team building skills and mentoring is invaluable to our SEN learners.

Teacher

Both children thoroughly enjoyed their time with BF adventure. The reports from sessions showed development within the group of confidence and self esteem. We have seen evidence in school of improved well being.

Teacher

Wonderful staff, flexible to meet the needs of the group, great fun and a lovely weekend. For us it is always a bit of an investment to pay to do activity programmes like this - it is always going to be much more expensive than our other sessions - but is well worth it for the outcomes we achieve and the great opportunity BF Adventure provides for young people. Thanks!

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For more information, or a discussion on how we can meet your needs,  
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