

  
**ACORN**  
Digital Learning

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An inclusive online school

# Acorn Digital Learning

— Providing immersive, high quality alternative learning provision for KS3 and KS4 learners across the UK.

Acorn Digital Learning provides real-time online teaching for Key Stage 3 and 4 children and young people requiring an alternative learning environment. We provide flexible, cost effective solutions for students who currently find themselves without access to a school setting, as well as those who are unable to attend school for medical, mental health, anxiety or behavioural reasons. Our easily accessible education service is available to learners who are studying from home, school, in the community or any other setting. All the students need is a laptop or computer with a stable internet connection.

## Why Choose Us?

Acorn Digital Learning sits within Acorn Care & Education which is a part of NFA Group, the UK's largest and leading provider of children's services including fostering, residential and specialist educational provisions. We specialise in working with children and young people with a range of complex needs including behavioural, emotional, social, learning and physical difficulties.

Acorn Digital Learning benefits from Acorn Care and Education's unmatched reach, capacity and expertise in the SEND arena with regulators consistently judging our educational services as Good or Outstanding.

We work closely with all Local Authorities to support them in meeting their statutory duties for sufficiency and provision on SEND education and ensure some of the country's most vulnerable children are provided with a safe, secure and nurturing care and learning environment.



Acorn Digital Learning caters for the needs of children in care and those with additional learning requirements

At Acorn Digital Learning, we recognise that many children in care have experienced traumatic events throughout their lives and, as such, need educational professionals who understand their emotional needs while also maintaining a focus on their educational development.

Children in care and those with barriers to learning can find a physical school environment initially too overwhelming; Acorn Digital Learning supports them to reintegrate back into school or post 16 provision.

**Our curriculum is designed to work alongside mainstream or specialist provision to help children and young people in the following ways:**

- Provide educational continuity during transition between any care or education placements
- Learning pathways that are age/ability appropriate
- Regular assessments, goals and progress reports
- Progress is digitally captured providing students with continued access to learning whilst creating a body of work to support reintegration into a school environment
- Support children and young people who have fallen behind through missing education with targeted top up courses outside of school time.



# Take a look at our digital learning classrooms

Progress is digitally captured with  
**learning and progress continually monitored.**

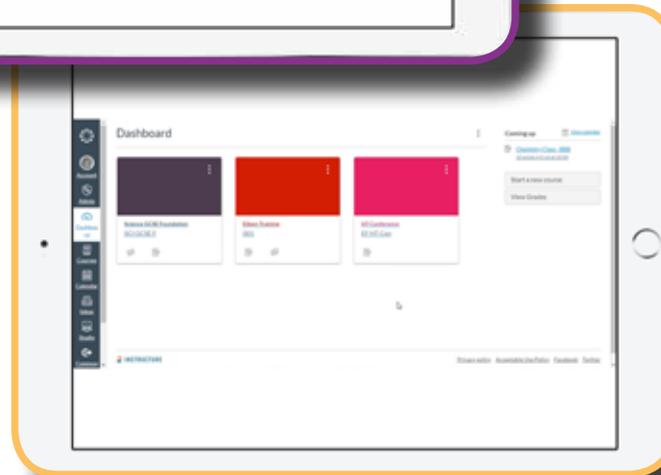
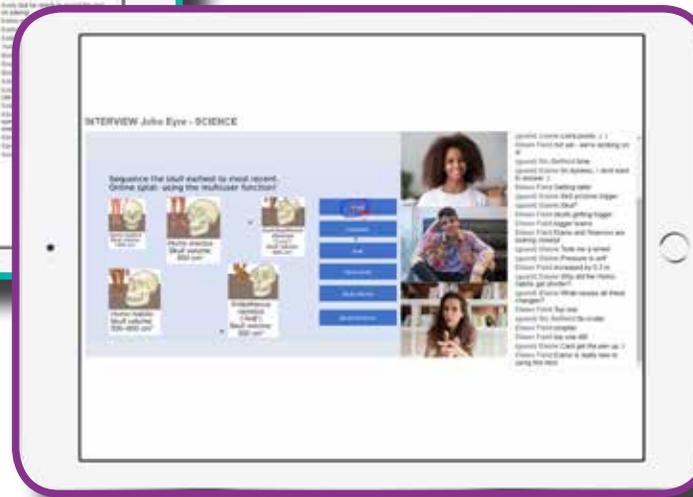
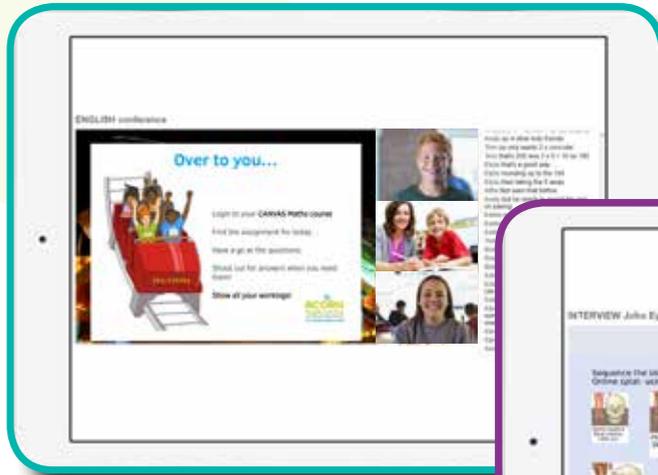
Lessons are just as  
**interactive**  
as those in a conventional classroom.

Those unable to engage with a traditional school environment for whatever reason can  
**build on their confidence feeling relaxed in a safe and secure environment.**

Teachers create  
**engaging and informative**  
lessons capturing attention  
and making learning enjoyable.

Using webcams and microphones, students are provided with the opportunity to  
**mix and interact with peers and teachers.**

The curriculum offers a  
**wide range of learning**  
from foundation right through to GCSE level.



# Our Curriculum

— Acorn Digital Learning provides a curriculum which focuses on core subjects supplemented by PSHE, Independent Living/Personal Finance and Work & Life Skills.

## Our Courses include:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science
- Literacy – Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills
- Numeracy – Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills
- PSHE

We provide skills builder courses for years 7, 8, and 9 which are designed to build learning skills and knowledge to provide a solid foundation for progression onto GCSE courses. These are mainly focused on Maths, English and Science.

Key Stage 4 students are supported to build their confidence, achieve personal goals and gain the ability, knowledge and in-depth understanding that sets them up for exam success, enabling them to progress onto further education and employment.

## Key Benefits

Acorn Digital Learning offers high quality, cost-effective, tailored alternative online provision for schools and Local Authorities. Many young people who are unable to cope with mainstream and specialist settings, for various reasons, thrive with online learning.

### Benefits of Acorn Digital Learning:

- **Cost effective** – We offer a wide range of different solutions that are flexible enough to suit every young person's needs
- **Quality of provision** – All lessons are taught by qualified, experienced and subject specialist teachers, using sector leading content
- **Statutory obligations** – Acorn Digital Learning can provide 25 hours of education per week even on our basic package and this can be set up in as little as 24 hours once commissioned; enabling Local Authorities to meet their statutory education obligations to young people.



## Core Package

The core package enables pupils to continue studying Maths, English and Science in a fun yet informative environment with work tailored to their ability.

Level	No. of Lessons Per Week			
	Maths	English	Science	Total
Skills Builder	4	4	4	12
Entry Level				
GCSE Level				

## Enhanced Package

The enhanced package offers students the same opportunities as the core package but also includes eight further lessons in optional subjects such as PSHE, Independent Living/Personal Finance and Work and Life Skills.

Level	No. of Lessons Per Week				
	Maths	English	Science	Optional Subjects	Total
Skills Builder	4	4	4	8	20
Entry Level					
GCSE Level					

## Bespoke Digital Learning Solutions

Acorn Digital Learning will be happy to work with Local Authorities on the development of individual solutions that meet the specific needs of children and young people in their local area. Should you wish to discuss your requirements with us then please contact us.

## Our commitment to commissioners

We can usually get a student set up and accessing educational provision within 24 hours of a placement being commissioned.

To make a referral please contact us at:

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of our online classroom at:  
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