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Stratton has a four hectare working farm with a wide diversity of livestock and nursery plants. The children use the unit extensively in and out of lessons.

All Year 9 students will take Agriculture lessons as part of a rotation. These lessons reinforce the science curriculum and environmental education, and also help students to develop personal work skills such as taking responsibility, nurturing other living things, how to form good working relationships, and how to keep safe etc.

The subject is offered as an option at KS4 when students may choose to undertake a practical National Vocational Qualification at Level 1 or a GCSE in Agricultural and Rural Science.

At KS5 students can undertake National Vocational Qualifications in either Horticulture or Livestock Production at Level 2.

There are opportunities for students to enjoy farm activities during lunchtimes and after school. Older students lead younger colleagues in caring for plants, poultry, pigs, cattle, sheep, farm machinery and the farm buildings. These farm clubs prove very popular and help new students to settle into Stratton. New year 9 students frequently tell staff that being able to access the farm at lunchtime is one of the most important aspects of the school.