



ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

**Part-time educational provision for
those who cannot access a traditional
education setting**

About Us

Koala is the trading name for the More Education Charity (no. 1195650) and has been providing support for autistic and neurodivergent people, and their families, since 2019.

It has been through our work at the Koala Community Hub that we have discovered the need for a more flexible and bespoke type of learning for many neurodivergent learners.

Building upon the relationships made at the community hub, the Education team now offer flexible opportunities for learning.

The Koala Education provision is led by autistic educators who are knowledgeable and experienced in helping young people overcome their barriers to learning.

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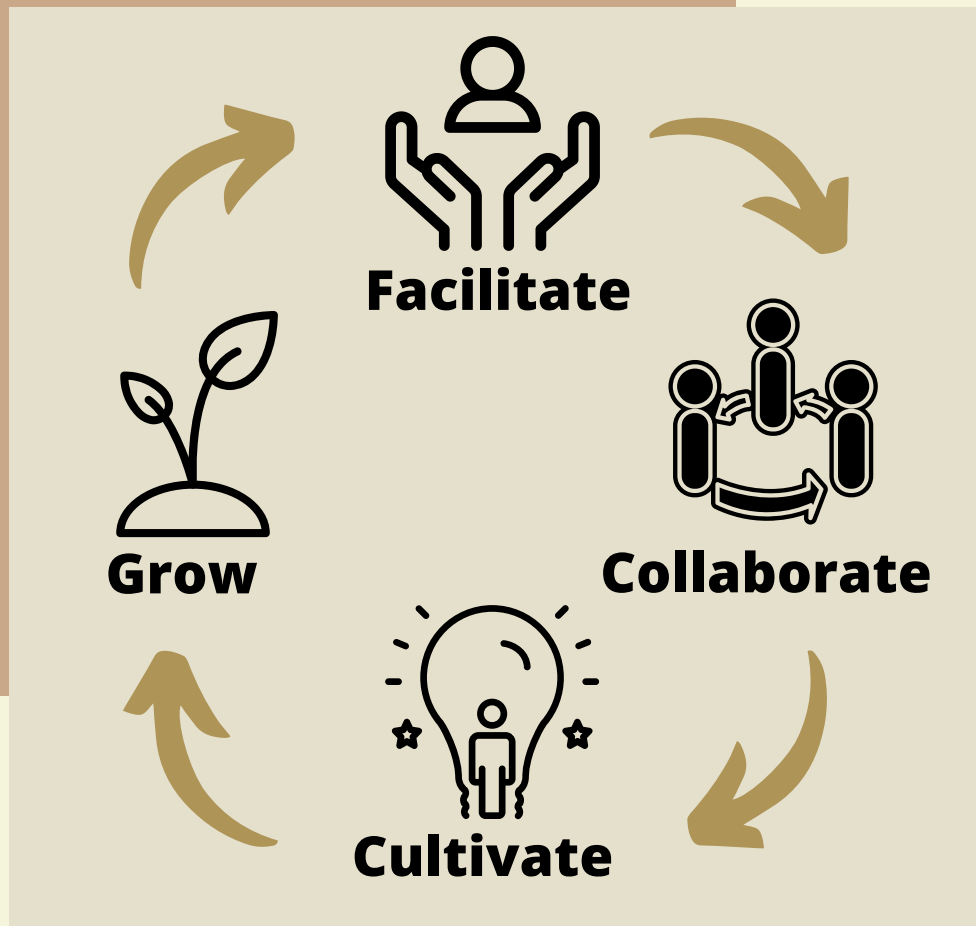


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What We Do



Koala's provision has been created to facilitate learning for autistic and neurodivergent learners, with a focus on those who are PDA.

Research shows that neurodivergent young people are much more likely to engage in education when the learning allows them to follow their own interests. We see ourselves as facilitators – creating a safe and nurturing learning environment, whilst encouraging young people to follow their interests. We then collaborate and help them to cultivate their own ideas and experiences – which in turn make for knowledge and growth. At Koala, this is done in an authentic way, giving relevance to real-world experiences.

The team are able to support young people who experience severe anxiety, 'emotional based school avoidance' and provide a flexible and nurturing approach to education.



Distance Learning

Koala are very excited to be partnering with Spectrum Space to provide a unique distance-based learning package. Developed by Clare Truman, author of the critically acclaimed 'The Teachers Introduction to Pathological Demand Avoidance', the programme is very much aimed at PDAers and those who cannot access a learning space away from home.

Available for **5 to 18 year olds**, the Koala Distance Package will provide families with a broad and balanced curriculum, through bespoke activities designed to appeal to young peoples' particular interests. Physical resources are delivered each week along with instructions for how to deliver the activities.

Parents may choose to deliver the learning themselves or to employ personal assistants to deliver the learning activities for them. It is envisaged that the learning activities will take ten hours a week to complete. Activities will be focussed on the Functional Skills and ASDAN programmes.

At the start of the programme, we meet with parents and whoever will be delivering the activities, to introduce the programme and best practice for delivering a child-led curriculum. Regular communication via telephone and email ensures that activities are monitored and adapted as students make progress in their learning. Learning progress is recorded via Kinteract.

Once a half term, parents and the Koala team meet to review the students' progress and set targets for the next half term.

In addition to this, Koala will run a half-termly 'get together' for the distance learning community. Also offered to this cohort is:

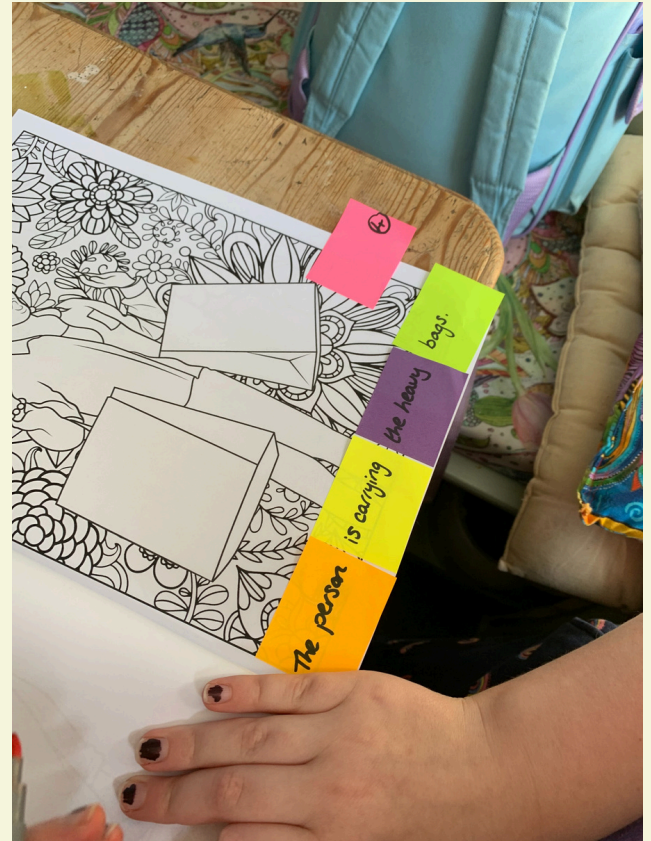
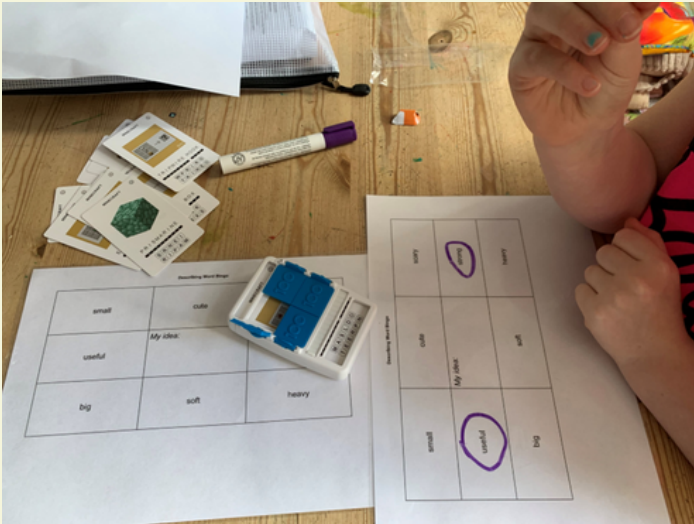
- Access to all Koala Community hub in-person peer groups (for those who are able to)
- Regular email support for parents

This programme is open to young people in Hampshire, Berkshire, Wiltshire, Yorkshire, Greenwich and Islington. If you require another area, please contact Spectrum Space directly at <https://spectrumspace.co.uk/>

Video and photograph examples of the learning boxes can be seen at <https://www.moreeducation.co.uk/learning-without-walls>

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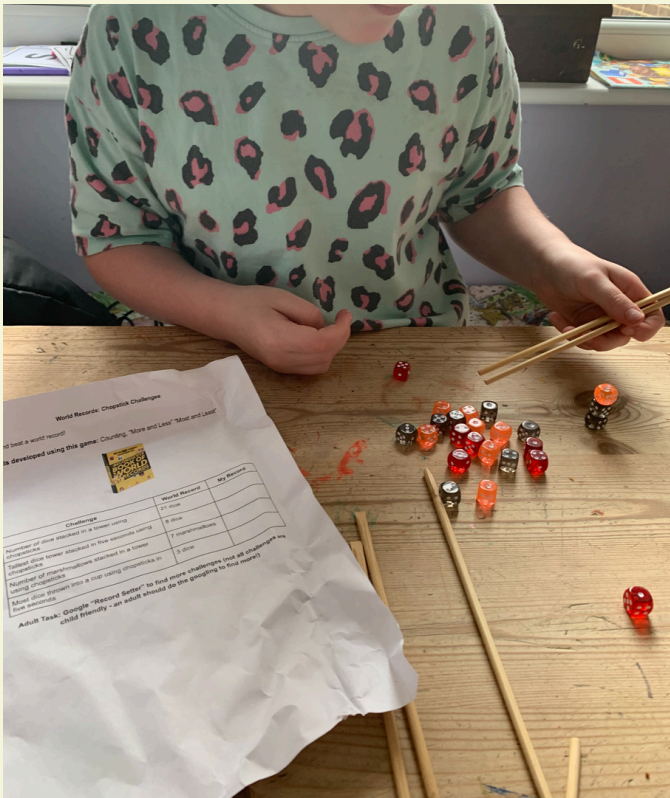
Interest-based
learning that is
fun, flexible and
demand-free



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Suitable from ages 5 to 18
and completely bespoke to
each young person.

Hybrid Learning

For those who can commute to Hampshire, the Hybrid Learning route incorporates the Distance learning package, plus regular sessions at the Community Hub. This option will be available for **8 to 18 year olds and will open in autumn 2024**.

Two x 2 hour sessions will take place every week at the hub and facilitate social, therapeutic, mentorship opportunities and invitations to learn.

These sessions will not only ensure that regular in person safeguarding checks are made, for those young people not currently attending a regular school setting, but also allow opportunities to work on educational projects together. The basis for these projects will centre on a STEAM ethos (science, technology, engineering, art and maths).

Assessment will be carried out via Kinteract, in a way that students are not explicitly aware of the pressures of being assessed. The Kinteract assessment system will be used to record young people's learning through pictures, evidence of written work and other multi-media sources.

Additional activities can be arranged separately including farm visits, 1:1 tutoring sessions, mentorship, art and other programmes.

All staff are fully DBS checked in line with our Safer recruitment policy.



Tutors and Mentors

In addition to the core Learning Without Walls offer, we can provide tutors and mentors to young people in Hampshire, Wiltshire, Berkshire and Surrey.

Our tutors are experienced in working with young people with SEND needs, as well as those who may experience other social and emotional needs.

All tutors are trained in the following areas before engaging with young people:

- Low arousal methods
- PDA
- Mentoring strategies
- Neurodivergency

The majority of our mentors are either neurodivergent or have vast experience working with neurodivergent young people.

Once it is agreed that you require a mentor or tutor from us, we will ensure that your child is matched with the most suitable adult.

Once we have allocated a tutor, you will receive an introduction document all about them that can be shared with the child. If it is helpful, we like to send a video of the tutor (to be shared with the young person) allowing them to introduce themselves.

We are passionate about offering a consistent service to young people – if your child's tutor is no longer able to work with your child, a full transition will take place to support any changes in delivery.

We will also support your child to access social opportunities through the Koala Community Hub.

All tutors are qualified teachers, receive an enhanced DBS check and are regularly monitored as part of our quality assurance checks.

To find out more regarding costings
and referrals, please email
hello@moreeducation.co.uk

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SEN team representatives to
contact us about the needs of
individual young people.

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