



20 June 2025

Dear Families

Curriculum Enhancement Week Horse Riding - Monday 14 July to Wednesday 16 July 2025

I am delighted that your child is taking part in the horse riding activities as part of our curriculum enhancement week and am writing to share some information about these activities.

What is the purpose of the visit?

The students will enjoy three days experiencing the authentic daily life of a horse riding yard. They will have the opportunity to horse ride as well learn about general stable management skills.

Where will this take place?

Your child will be going to Ashdown Riding Centre: <https://www.ashdownriding.co.uk/>

They will either be based at the Lower Misbourne Farm yard or at the Chelwood Gate yard depending on their group.

What are the travel arrangements?

Students should arrive at school at the normal time of 8.25am and go to D05 where they will be registered and have a daily briefing. We will travel to and from the horse riding centre by minibus. Students will leave Sackville at the normal time of 2.55pm at the end of the day.

What should my child wear?

Students should wear riding jodhpurs, leggings or tracksuit bottoms. They may wish to pack a pair of shorts if the weather is very hot. T-shirts or long-sleeve tops are fine, and they should bring a water proof jacket in case of rain. They should wear riding boots if they have them, but wellington boots or walking style boots are fine too. Riding equipment such as helmets will be provided by the centre.

What does my child need to bring?

Students should bring a packed lunch, snacks and plenty of water. Any students that are eligible for free school meals will have a lunch provided for them each morning. **Nut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

The use of phones, iPods or other devices is not allowed at the riding centres so these must be kept in bags. Students should bring sun cream and a sun hat if the weather is hot. Jewellery is not allowed.

Safety and expectations of behaviour

A horse riding yard is a site of potential risk and students will be asked to follow adults' instructions and behave well to keep themselves safe and enjoy their day. Any student who is not able to follow instructions will be taken back to school.

Medical Information

We hold some information about the medical needs of your students, but if their situation has changed, or there is any additional medical information you feel that we need to know, do inform us before the visit.

Insurance

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our [website](#). **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

Form to complete

Please print and complete the attached rider registration form, returning it to me in the English office by Friday 04 July 2025 at the latest. I have paper copies of the form in my office for students to collect if needed.

Yours sincerely

Jennie Grimes

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