



11 July 2023

Dear Families

Curriculum Enhancement Week – Horse Riding - Monday 17 July 2023 to Wednesday 19 July 2023

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 3 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?

Students in **year 8** will be going to Woody Riding Centre, East Hoathly.

<http://www.woodyridingclub.co.uk/>

Students in **years 7 and 9** will be going to Ashdown Forest Riding Centre.

<http://www.ashdownforestriding.co.uk/>

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 the horse riding centres by mini bus and will arrive by 9.30am. A mini bus will collect students at the end of the day and they will arrive back at school at approximately **2.50pm**.

What should my child wear?

Students should wear riding jodhpurs, leggings or tracksuit bottoms. They may wish to pack a pair of shorts to change into 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 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. 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 and they may also wish to bring a pair of gloves to make their hands more

comfortable as they will be doing some stable work. Jewellery is not allowed and small stud earrings should be covered with tape. Fake or acrylic nails are not permitted.

Safety and expectations of behaviour

A horse riding yard is a site of potential risk and students will be asked 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.

Both riding centres require riders to be 13 stone or under, due to the size of the horses. Please inform me if you think this might be an issue.

Please complete the form [HERE](#) prior to the visit taking place.

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.

Students are expected to wear normal school uniform on Thursday 20 July and Friday 21 July 2023.

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.**

With very best wishes

Mrs J Grimes

CTL English/Wider Senior Leadership Team & Trip Leader