



9th March 2018

To: Parents of Pupils in Senior School

Dear Parents

Hollygirt – Horse-Riding Club

Riding Club will be running throughout the summer term, when we hope for sunshine and warm weather to enjoy both riding lessons in the school and hacks out in Bestwood Country Park. Riding Club will run on a **Tuesday evening**, and parents will need to collect their children from Woodside Riding School, near the Bestwood Lodge Hotel, at **5.30pm**. I will provide an address and travel directions to all new parents once their child has secured their place with a deposit.

Riding lessons are a fantastic way for pupils to build up their confidence, core balance, stamina and their love of the outdoors. All beginners will start by learning how to steer the horse and how to move to the horse's trot. More advanced riders will be learning how to balance with canter, do 'no stirrup' work and learn how to get their horses to stride correctly over poles or perform more complex turns. The summer term is the best opportunity to join the club, as we are more likely to have good weather. In the past, riding club members have enjoyed numerous rides through the woodland trails, a spot of bareback riding, and even done a beginners jumping lesson. We always finish the summer term off with a friendly competition and pony games, where everyone has the chance to win a prize. We will be running ten sessions across the summer term, on the dates shown below:

24th April

1st May

8th May

15th May

22nd May

HALF TERM

5th June

12th June

19th June (Sports Day)

26th June

3rd July

Each session costs £20, making the full block £200 in total. You can pay this all together, or in the following instalments:

£20 by Friday, 23rd March (deposit)

£80 by Tuesday, 24th April (for up until summer half-term)

£100 by Tuesday, 22nd May (for five sessions after summer half-term)

Please let me know if there are any dates your child cannot attend in advance, and we can adjust the price accordingly. If you wish your child to attend, please return the slip and deposit to **reception** by Friday, 23rd March. Any questions or queries, please feel free to email me at: lauraheathcote@hollygirt.notts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Heathcote



Horse Riding Club – Summer Term

Name of child: _____

Form: _____

I agree to my child taking part in Horse Riding Club. I acknowledge the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on their part. I understand that there is some level of risk in every activity but that this visit will be managed to minimise the risks involved. I am aware that horse riding is classed as a dangerous sport.

I believe my child to be medically fit to undertake this activity.

I enclose a cheque for £20 to cover the cost of the deposit. (Cheques should be made payable to Hollygirt School).

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please return to Miss Heathcote by Friday 23rd March 2018