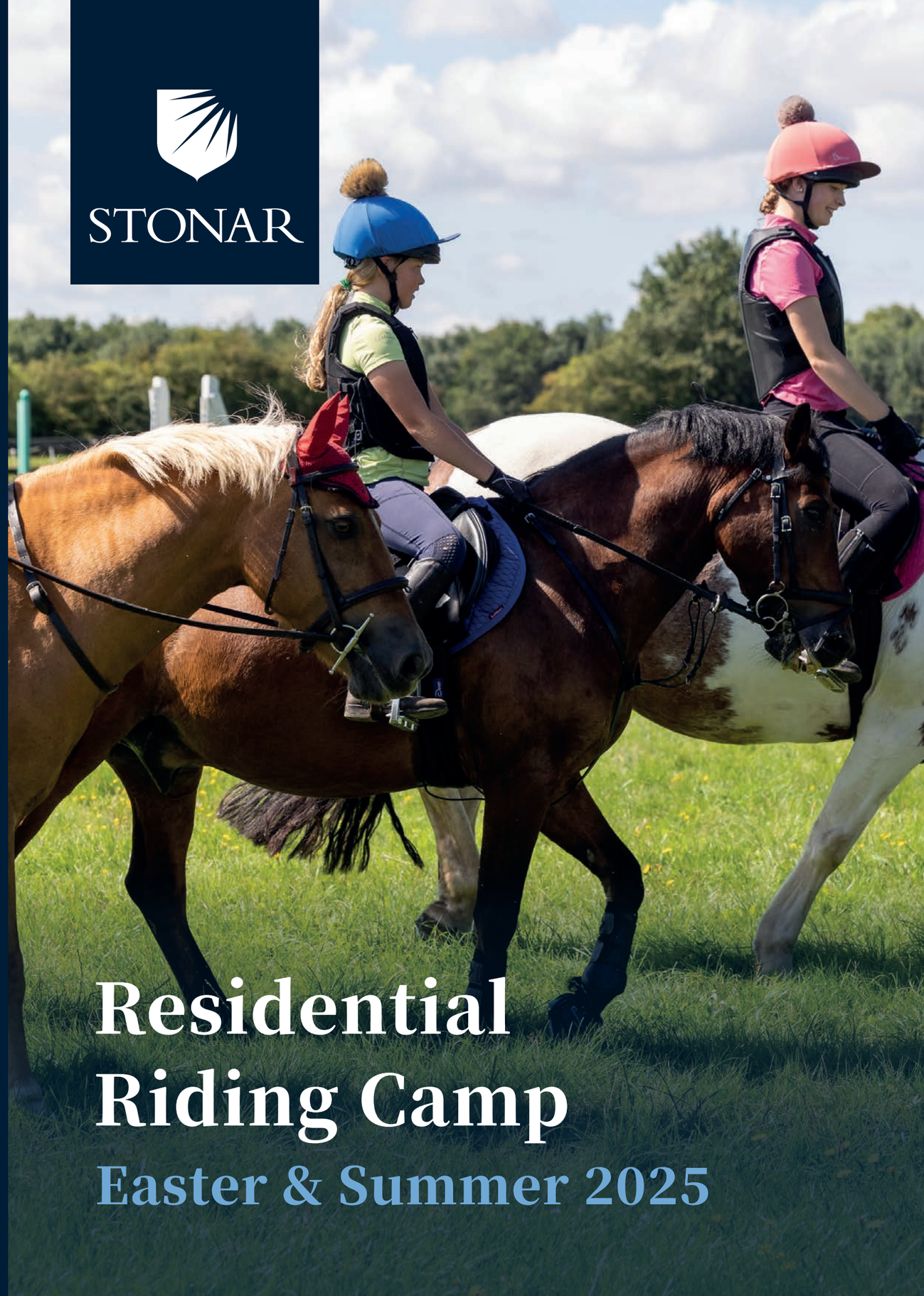
Residential Riding Camp
Easter & Summer 2025

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Welcome to Stonar School

Stonar's Residential Riding Camp is a bespoke programme offering beginner through to advanced young riders the opportunity to gain a hands-on, in-depth daily stable and riding experience.

Children will enjoy the opportunity to stay and ride at our co-educational boarding school set on a beautiful, rural 80-acre campus in Wiltshire. Stonar is home to the UK' s finest riding school, with a world-class, onsite, British Horse Society approved Equestrian Centre offering an immersive experience for riders.

Children can bring their own horse/pony or use one of Stonar' s own horses (subject to availability).



> My daughter had a fantastic time. She gave it 10/10 and is already looking forward to coming back next year!
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> **Parent**



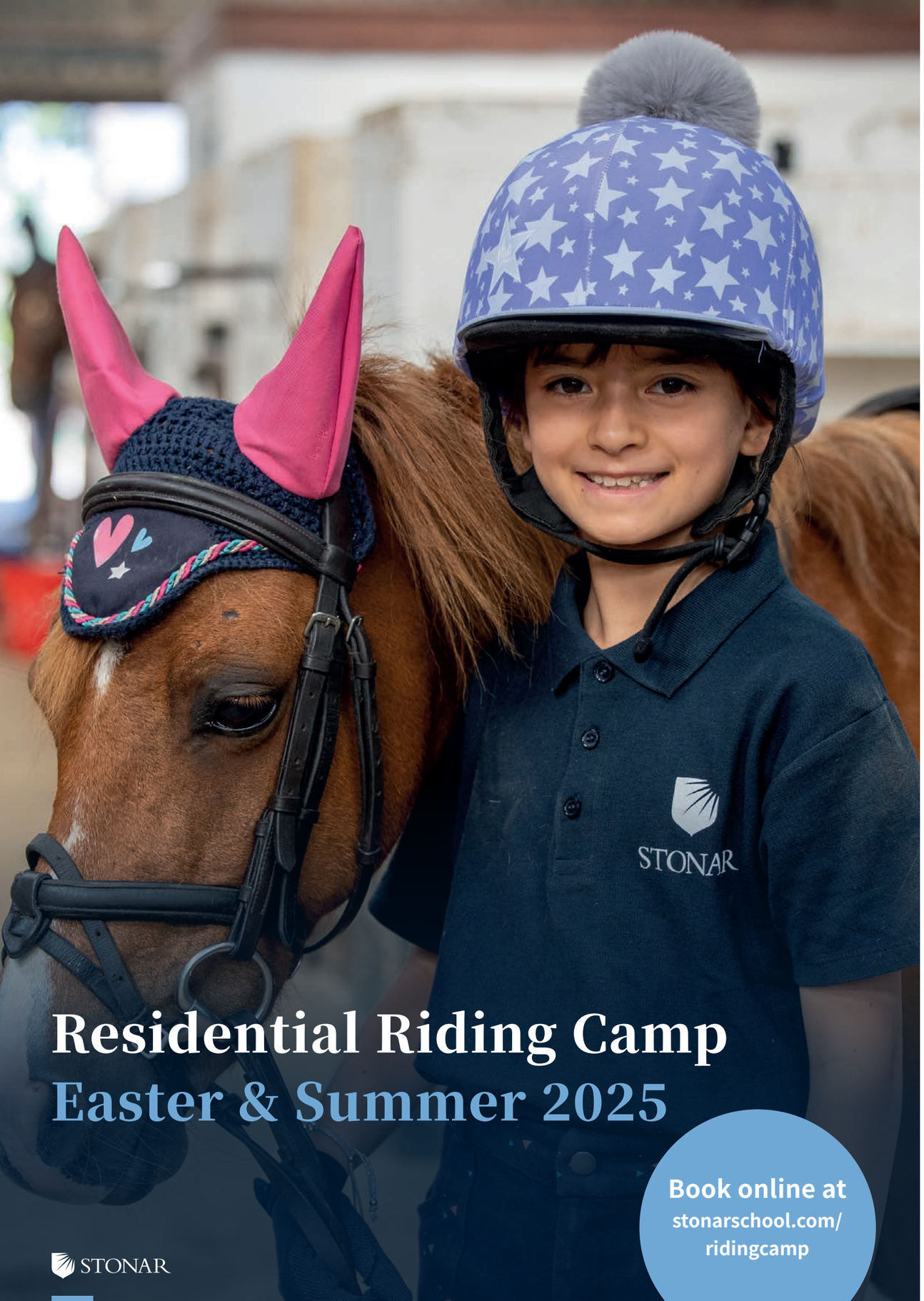
Our Camp

Operated by Stonar's own staff, our Residential Riding Camps provide British and international children aged 9 -16 years old the opportunity to combine riding, horse care and stable management whilst enjoying our impressive facilities in a safe, rural environment. Children can bring their own horse/pony or loan one of ours as we have over 30 horses and ponies for all abilities.

Our extensive onsite, modern, equestrian facilities include first class indoor and outdoor schools, stabling for 74 horses, an Olympic-designed cross country course with a variety of different fences and a hacking track. In addition, the excellent boarding facilities, swimming pool, grounds and sports hall ensure that time away from the stables will be fun-filled, comfortable and Stonar will quickly become a home-from-home.

Camp facilities

- Extensive Equestrian Centre with BHS qualified riding coaches
- Three boarding houses with a range of single/shared rooms
- Comfortable communal areas with kitchen, TV and free Wi-Fi
- Shared bathrooms with a ratio of 1:4 students
- Free bedding and laundry service
- Boarding house safe available
- Tuck shop service offered
- Indoor swimming pool and sports hall
- Dedicated houseparent
- 24/7 on site medic



Camp information

You will spend your days making full use of our extensive onsite equestrian facilities, combined with fun activities arranged by our Short Courses team, developing or learning new skills and making life-long friends.

- **Dates**
  Easter
  Sunday 6 April - 11 April
  Sunday 13 April - 18 April
  Summer
  Sunday 13 July - 18 July
  Sunday 20 July - 25 July
  Sunday 3 August - 8 August
  Sunday 10 August - 15 August

Children attending from overseas have the option to stay on the Friday evening and depart on Saturday morning if needed for their flights or onward travel.

- **Age** 9 to 16 years old
- **Riding levels** Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced
  * Beginner riders must be off lead rein
- **Riding group size** Maximum 6
- **Staff to student ratio** in riding 1:6
  in evening activities 1:15
  in boarding 1:20
- **Accommodation** Residential with all meals provided
  Single, twin or multiple occupancy rooms with shared bathroom facilities
- **Course fees per week** (to include full board and all meals, riding and stable management tuition and evening activities)
  £830 plus VAT (bring your own horse/pony – includes livery*)
  £1245 plus VAT (use of a Stonar horse/pony)

*Livery is on a DIY basis and riders are expected to care for their own horses during the camp. Includes hay and wood pellet bedding. Haylage is available for an additional cost. Hard feed is not included. Please note your horse/pony must be fully vaccinated and have received their equine flu booster within 6 months of arriving.

How to Book

- To make a booking, please complete the online booking form on the School's website **stonarschool.com/ridingcamp**. The Short Courses team will then be in touch with you to confirm your booking.

A 40% deposit will be required to secure your booking once availability has been confirmed. The balance will be due by: 9 March 2025 for the Easter Camp and 15 June 2025 for the Summer Camp.



> **Isabel had the most fabulous week at Stonar, happy memories that will last a lifetime.**
>
> **Parent**







Stonar's Equestrian Centre is led by our team of experienced BHS qualified coaches who are passionate about supporting riders, not only during their riding lessons, but in learning to deliver a high standard of horse-care and broadening their knowledge in all aspects of the equestrian world.

If your child isn't bringing their own horse/pony, they will be allocated a horse which matches their skills and experience and enables them to grow in confidence whilst improving performance. They will ride twice a day (subject to extreme weather conditions) with a combination of flatwork and jumping, as well as stable management and other activities.

Staffed by gifted and highly qualified instructors, the equestrian centre is nonetheless open to riders of all abilities, including complete beginners, offering them an immersive experience, meaning there is no chucking your reins at the groom and skipping the 7am mucking out." **Good Schools Guide 2024**

Sample timetable

	7.30 – 8.45	8.45 – 9.30	9.30 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 14.45	14.45 – 15.45	15.45 – 16.30	16.30 – 21.00
Mon	7.30 Wake up 8.15 - 8.45 Breakfast	Morning stables - muck out, hay and water, prep for lessons	Ride Stable management activity	LUNCH	Lunchtime stables / Prep for afternoon ride or activity	Pony games or field ride / XC / ride out (weather and conditions permitting)	Evening stables - skip out / set fair, hay and water, clean tack	Free time, dinner and evening activities
Tue			Ride Stable management activity		Lunchtime stables / Prep for afternoon ride or activity	Pony games or field ride / XC / ride out (weather and conditions permitting)	Evening stables - skip out / set fair, hay and water, clean tack	Free time, dinner and evening activities
Wed			Ride Field/XC/ Dressage Stable Management activity		Lunchtime stables / Prep for afternoon ride or activity	Ride Field/XC/Dressage	Evening stables - skip out / set fair, hay and water, clean tack	Free time, dinner and evening activities
Thur			Combined Training Stable Management activity		Off-site to local tack shop or guest visitor		Evening stables - skip out / set fair, hay and water, clean tack	Free time, dinner and evening activities
Fri			Le Trec		Rosette Presentation 2.00pm-3.00pm Farewell Afternoon Tea & Depart			

Staying at Stonar



> I wanted to say a big thank you to you and all the staff at Stonar- she had the best time and can't wait to return next year! I could see a big improvement in Isla' s riding after her week at camp- she is so much straighter in her position and full of confidence!
>
> **Parent**

Accommodation

Stonar's boarding houses offer a homely and sociable environment in which young people can feel safe and comfortable. All houses are within a short walk of the Equestrian Centre, dining hall and sports facilities giving children freedom, the opportunity to live in a community and to learn independence.

All houses have a kitchen and common room, which give the children the space to socialise and make friends. Most of the rooms in the houses are single or twin, with a small number of shared dormitories for younger boarders. Boys and girls are accommodated separately in each house.





Pastoral Care

Our primary concern is the health, safety and wellbeing of your child during their stay. All our staff have been selected because of their experience and understanding of young people and will take the time to get to know each student as an individual. Our beautiful site offers space with an abundance of fresh, country air.

A medic offers qualified medical care for minor health issues and accidents on-site and we have access to a local health centre and hospital, if required.

Evening Activities Examples

- Icebreaker evening
- Sports including badminton tennis and swimming
- Arts and Crafts
- Film Night
- Karaoke
- Games night
- Scavenger Hunt and bonfire
- Showjump course building

> Thank you so much for all your help when I was homesick.
>
> **Jasmine**

Catering

All meals will be enjoyed in our spacious dining hall where our in-house catering team prides itself on producing fresh, healthy meals every day including a salad bar and fresh fruit, using local ingredients where possible. We can cater for a wide range of dietary needs and allergies.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is at the very heart of everything we do at Stonar and we take all forms of abuse seriously. We actively listen to children in our care and have staff who are not only trained to manage reports of abuse but are skilled in listening and supporting children. To read our Safeguarding Policy, please visit our **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy** on our website.

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Ellie has asked me to convey her gratitude to both Maddie and Vicky for taking such good care of her in the house and in the riding school. She has definitely returned to Thailand a more confident and responsible rider.

Parent



How do I book?

Once you have decided which week(s) you would like to book, go to our online booking form at **www.stonarschool.com/ridingcamp**. The Short Courses team will then check availability and process your booking, and a confirmation and invoice for the 40% deposit will be sent. The balance will then be due by the 9 March for Easter Camp and by the 15 June for Summer Camp. Please note that completion of the online booking form does not guarantee a place on the Residential Riding Camp.

What time can we arrive on the first day?

We will be ready to welcome our guests between 3.00pm - 5.00pm on the Sunday afternoon, in time for a tour of the equestrian facilities, boarding houses and a welcome from our staff. You should arrive at the designated boarding house as stated in the Rider Handbook (or follow signs to the Equestrian Centre if you are bringing your own pony/horse) where you will be met by our staff. For those bringing their own horse, we ask you to arive at the Equestrian Centre between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.

Is there flexibility with the drop off and collection times?

On the first day of the camp, we will not be able to offer early supervision. The riding week finishes with an afternoon tea and rosette presentation on Friday afternoon, to which family and friends are invited to attend, with riders leaving with their parents afterwards. Children attending from overseas have the option to stay on the Friday evening and depart on Saturday morning if needed for their flights or onward travel.

What requirements are there for bringing your own pony/horse?

Our vaccination policy requires that all vaccinations are up-to-date and horses must have received an Equine Influenza booster within six months, and more than seven days prior to the camp starting. upon arrival. A copy of your horse's passport and vaccination card will be required prior to arrival.

Please do not bring your horse to Stonar if any of the following apply:

- Your horse shows any signs of ill health including lameness, fever or nasal discharge.
- Your horse has had a temperature in the last two weeks.
- There is any chance your horse could have come into contact with an infectious disease ie; strangles.

On arrival to the Equestrian Centre, the Yard Manager will complete a horse health checklist with you. Horses with any signs of ill-health including a raised temperature will not be permitted on to the yard. Failure to meet these requirements will mean your horse will be turned away.

Please note that due to our bio-security policy, we are unable to offer turnout during your horse's stay.

The School will provide hay or a rider may bring their own. Haylage can be provided at extra cost. All hard feed must be supplied by the owner. Please bring your horse's usual tack and equipment, including rugs for different temperatures and weather, passport and their grooming kits.

We will provide water and feed buckets, wheelbarrows, and yard tools. All riders are expected to care for their horse themselves, with our yard staff being on hand to help and support where needed.

Is my child assessed for riding ability?

We ask you to fill in details on the booking form including weight and height, riding experience and confirmation that they have the correct riding equipment to bring. As part of the booking process, we are for videos to be submitted in support of the application. We initially group riders by ability based on this information, then, once they are with us, the first riding lesson (unless there is a need to extend this number to accomodate all rider levels) will be used to assess whether they are in the correct group. There may be some changes to groups and horses, especially after the first day and during the week to allow your child to get the most out of their stay. Please be patient with us whilst these assessments are being made. They ride in groups of no more than 6.

Please be as accurate as possible when providing your child's riding experience to allow the Equestrian Centre staff to allocate the correct riding group and pony/horse (if needed).

What riding equipment is my child expected to bring?

All riders require their own riding helmet that has been fitted by a professional (all helmets must meet current BHS Standards), riding boots and gloves. A non-fixed peak helmet and a well-fitted body protector or air jacket are required to ride on our cross-country course. Since 1 January 2024, only body protectors/air jackets with a BETA 2018 label will be accepted. Please note that riding on the cross-country course is not guaranteed.

Do I need to send any pocket money?

There is no need for any money on our residential camps as everything is included in the price! However, we do run a little tuck shop so a pre-charged bank card or £20 (in change), as a suggested amount, but this is at your own discretion. You may also wish to send your child with a small amount of spending money for the tack shop (trip tbc).

How will the children be supervised?

We pride ourselves on the quality of our residential boarding staff and riders are taken care of from their arrival until their return home. The children will be supervised at all times at the Equestrian Centre, at mealtimes, during activities and whilst moving between activities. During free time, staff on duty may give specific areas where students might spend their free time onsite for short periods. Children aged 14 and over may also be given the option to spend free time unsupervised in specifically agreed areas, as long as permission has been granted via the Booking Form, and they follow the rules set out by their houseparent.

Do many boys come on your camps?

The vast majority of our visiting riders are girls but we are keen to encourage boys too! Our accommodation allows separation for sleeping but communal social areas. We would also contact parents to let them know if there are other boys and suggest alternative camp dates if this is an important factor in the booking.

What is the residential accommodation like?

Our riding camp children use the School's boarding houses so they get a real sense of what it's like to be a boarder in our beautiful school. All boarding houses are only a few minutes' walk to the Equestrian Centre, dining room and activities spaces. Rooms are a combination of single and twins. Rooms and shared areas, including bathrooms, will be cleaned regularly during their stay with a weekly laundry service. Whilst all bedding is provided, children are required to bring their own towels including an extra one for swimming. An in-house laundry service can be offered during the week for emergencies.

If your child would like to share with a friend, please let us know by email once the booking has been accepted and we will do our best to make sure they are together. Most of the time is spent in larger groups though, during riding, activities and meals, so there is plenty of opportunity to make new friends.

My child is nervous about boarding – do they have to stay overnight?

In our experience, we are confident that young people will settle and love their stay with us. They are kept busy, have constant supervision and love making new friends. We are sometimes able to offer day camp places, but these start after breakfast and finish before the evening meal and are not available to book until two weeks before the start of the camp, and only if spaces are available.

What is the mobile phone policy?

We understand that young people like to stay connected to friends and family whilst parted, so we are happy for them to bring a mobile phone. We fill the days with activities and social interaction so there will be little time for online activity. It is, therefore, suggested that any other devices are left at home. We do not allow phones to be used during riding activities, organised social activities or overnight (phones are handed in at bedtime). Children will not be able to participate in riding or the camp in general if they are not able to abide by this rule.

Do I need to take out insurance for the camp?

We recommend that you take out full insurance to cover cancellation, accidents and loss of personal items. You will also need your own horse insurance in place if bringing your own horse, ensuring the policy covers riding camps.

What is your safeguarding policy?

Stonar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children with an aim to create a culture of vigilance. Our aim is to ensure all children are safe and protected from harm by having the correct safeguarding procedures in place with safety as a priority. As part of our commitment to safety and welfare, we aim to nurture personal development during the camp. We use experiences on the camp to talk about resilience, confidence, honesty, tolerance, kindness, health and well-being. Please note that Stonar School has a strict no drug, alcohol and smoking policy. Please see **stonarschool.com/about-us/useful-information** for more information.

What is the medical provision?

As well as the majority of our staff being First Aid trained, an on-site Medic offers qualified medical care throughout and we have access to a local health centre and hospital if required.

I am not based in the UK, can I still attend the camp?

We welcome international students to our camps this April, July and August.

Does my child need to have a good level of English to attend the camp?

To ensure the safety of your child and others on the camp, we require your child to have a good level of English (a minimum of B1 level) enabling them to understand instructions and rules. If you are unsure if your child meets this level, the Short Courses team will be happy to guide you.

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> **A big thank you for the great camp week Sophie had during the Easter holidays. She came back bursting with new equestrian knowledge and a phone full of new equestrian minded friends!**
>
> **Parent**