

Stonar Senior Loan

Terms & Conditions
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STONAR

A GENERAL

1. The loan of a Stonar horse or pony is available to pupils in Year 7 and above who are joining Stonar for two terms or more. Permanent and one-year applicants will be prioritised, with any remaining availability considered for two-termers.
2. A loan horse will be allocated subject to suitability and availability at the time, and Stonar reserve the right to re-assess and change or terminate the horse offered for loan if they deem it correct and safe to do so.
3. Pupils will be advised of a potential allocation during the admissions process. Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis. We aim to allocate pupils with a suitable horse based on their individual profile, riding experience and the horses we have available.
4. The in-person loan assessments will then be carried out during the first week of term. Confirmed loans will then be allocated on a two week trial basis, during which observation of the pupil in riding lessons, stable management and in their overall handling of the horse will be conducted by the Equestrian staff. The stable has been booked for the whole of the term, excluding half term.
5. The first term's payment will not be requested until a suitable loan horse has been allocated. Thereafter the loan is charged on a termly basis in advance.
6. One term's notice in writing will be required to terminate the loan agreement or one term's loan charges in lieu of notice will be due.
7. Credits will not be given unless there are exceptional circumstances.
8. All loans include hay, bedding, basic feed and use of all facilities.
9. Stonar will cover all costs for veterinary treatment, shoeing and worming.
10. All loans will be cared for by the pupil. Such care will include but not be limited to:
 - a) Mucking out your horse's stable before and after school seven days per week. Ensuring the droppings and wet are removed from the bedding and highlighting to a Yard Manager when more bedding is required.
 - b) Cleaning and re-filling of their water buckets before and after school.
 - c) Picking out the horse's feet before and after school.
 - d) Brushing your horse daily and grooming your horse thoroughly at least once a week.
 - e) Highlighting any changes in your horse eg. Lumps/bumps to a Yard Manager.
 - f) Cleaning your horse's tack (saddle and bridle) at least once per week.
11. Stonar School's insurance policy covers third party public liability and personal accident for the pupils.
12. A loan horse is only available to pupils receiving a minimum of one riding lesson per week at Stonar.
13. By signing the Loan Agreement you are agreeing that your child may be riding their loan horse under general supervision of staff, and not direct supervision.
14. The loan horse may be used by Stonar up to twice per day for other pupils to ride in lessons.
15. The loan horse is allocated to the pupil named on the application. No loan horse may be ridden by another pupil unless in a lesson or otherwise directed by Stonar Senior Equestrian Staff.

B FEEDING AND BEDDING

1. A basic feed of chaff, nuts, competition mix and sugar beet is included within the Loan package.
2. Diets will be formulated and monitored for individual horses/ponies by Stonar.
3. All feed must be stored in the appropriate storage areas.

4. All feeds are made up by the School. Horses are allocated two coloured rubber buckets - one for the evening and one for the morning. Both buckets must be returned to their place in the indoor yard for the feeds to be made up daily.

C WORMING

Stonar will arrange for the horse to be wormed on a regular basis and Stonar will cover the cost.

D FARRIER AND VETERINARY SURGEONS

Stonar will arrange for the horse to be attended to by one of the school farriers and one of the school veterinary surgeons, and Stonar will cover the cost.

A number of farriers attend the school on a regular basis. A shoeing list is held so that horses are shod approximately every five weeks.

E HALF TERM

The Loan Agreement does not cover the half-term breaks or other school holidays.

F ABSENCE

1. Stonar can look after horses for pupils in their absence but a fee will be charged per am and pm session. The charges are applicable for sickness (without Sign off from the Health and Wellbeing Centre staff) and home visits at weekends.
2. Stonar will care for the horse at no charge if the pupil is representing the School at a sports or other fixture, or if the pupil is on a compulsory school trip or taking an exam.
3. In these cases, notice must be given to the Equestrian Centre in advance. In all other circumstances a fee will be charged.

I YARD RULES

1. Horses must always be tied up inside to be groomed and mucked out. They must be tied to safety ties or 1/4 thickness baler twine.
2. Horses must never be tied up outside during yards, or to be fed.
3. Horses should always be well groomed and never go into a lesson dirty.
4. Feet must be picked out every time a horse leaves the stable and stable doors closed.
5. Litter must be placed in the bins provided.
6. String should be placed in the bin inside the hay barn, not on the muckheap.
7. To prevent back injuries and to keep the yard tidy at all times, hay and bedding must always be carried in a wheelbarrow.
8. All gates must be shut at all times including field gates, even if they were already open.
9. Pupils must always wear a hat and gloves when taking horses to and from the field.
10. Pupils must not ride another pupil's horse without permission from both sets of parents. The Equestrian Centre staff may veto this arrangement if it is considered inappropriate or unsafe.

J CONDUCT ON THE YARD

A quiet relaxed atmosphere is essential for the well-being of the horses.

1. No running, shouting or screaming.
2. No mobile phones/devices/Air Pods.
3. No radios.
4. No smoking on the yard (including visitors and parents of livery owners).
5. Litter must be placed in the bins provided.
6. All gates must be shut at all times including field gates, even if they were already open.

K DRESS ON THE YARD

1. Stonar Equestrian Centre fleece, polo shirt, dark jodhpurs and stout boots should be worn during morning and evening yards.
2. Only dark-coloured jodhpurs are permitted.
3. A riding hat and gloves should always be worn for turning out and lunging.
4. Full and half chaps may be worn (no tassels) with Jodhpur boots or long riding boots.

L FORBIDDEN DRESS ON THE YARD

1. Trainers
2. Vest tops
3. Jewellery
4. Jogging bottoms & hoodies
5. Pashminas
6. Earphones/Air Pods.

M SAFEGUARDING

In order to ensure the welfare of pupils, access to the yard by anyone other than staff members, pupils, parents and school approved farriers, vets, practitioners and instructors is restricted. The following procedures are in place for adults/family members visiting the yard:

1. The beginning and end of term/half term are recognised as times in the school year when pupils may have a significant quantity of equipment to be moved between the yard and home, and at these times parents/guardians are granted access to the Equestrian Centre.
2. Parents/guardians will of course be encouraged to watch their own children riding in their scheduled lessons. In order to facilitate this, all adult visitors to the Equestrian Centre are asked to report to the Riding Office on arrival.
3. During weekdays, parents/guardians will be accommodated on the yard between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. Again, please sign in at the Riding Office.
4. At weekends, parents/guardians will be encouraged to visit the yard between 10.00am and 12.00pm, and between 3.00pm and 5.00pm.
5. Adult visitors to the Equestrian Centre may not enter either of the two riding arenas without first gaining permission from the senior member of staff on duty at the time.
6. Adults visiting pupils at the Equestrian Centre are expected to respect the School's no-smoking policy.
7. The use of video recorders and cameras at the Equestrian Centre is not permitted without the express permission of the Director of Riding.
8. External suppliers or contractors are permitted only with permission from the Director of Riding.