



WELCOME TO **HERD HOUSE** RIDING SCHOOL

Risk Assessment for Riding

Herd House Riding School, Halifax Road, Briercliffe, Burnley, BB10 3QZ

Please can you read the identified risks below

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Step one - Identify Risks

Environment

- Place unsuitable for type of lesson

Horses

- Unsuitable for the rider or handler

Tack

- Ill-fitting or in need of repair

Dress

- Unsuitable

Type of lesson

- Rider unable to cope with what is expected of them

Step two - People at risk

- Riders
- Leaders

Steps taken to reduce risk

- All lessons are carried out in the indoor school until the client is competent and confident to ride in other environments, only then will they be taken out.
- All riders ride with others of the same level of competence
- All horses are assessed for the type of lesson they will be doing and the ability of client. Only horses and ponies suitable for the ability of client and type of lesson to be given will be used.
- All horses and ponies are checked regularly for soundness, loose shoes and ill-fitting tack.
- All tack is inspected on a regular basis, looking for excessive wear and tear or damage.
- All riders must comply with the dress code of the stables. A shoe or boot with a small heel must be worn, No loose clothing or jewellery to be worn.
- All riding hats provided by the stables are of the current safety standard, and in good repair. Hats brought by clients are inspected. If not of current standard client is advised to use one of ours.
- All lessons carried out are to be of the standard that the rider can cope with, each lesson has pupils of a similar level of experience.
- Riders needing extra help will be given lessons on a lead rein.
- Any person leading a client is given some instruction on how to lead the horse or pony.
- Clients have the right to refuse to ride any horse or pony.

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