



# Riding Lessons with a Difference

At our flagship centre in Leeds, children learn all aspects of horsemanship and horse care, in an holistic and ethical way.



Children learn:

- To communicate on the ground, learning how to lead, handle and train a pony.
- Coordination, confidence and balance in the saddle.
- Horse care from the pony's perspective, understanding what a pony needs and how to keep them well.

To get the most out of their lessons, children ride one-to-one with an instructor in private lessons to begin with. This gives them the time, space and support they need to develop the foundation skills required to ride effectively and in harmony with their pony. When children are fully independent and balanced, they can join a semi-private lesson. We do not offer large group lessons as we prioritise your child's learning and safety.





# The Club

Another aspect that makes our approach unique is The Think Like a Pony Club, our online horsemanship programme for children. The educational framework of this programme underpins all the teaching methodology at the centre. It is internationally recognised and has members from all around the world.



*Children can work through online video lessons, e-books and other resources for different horsemanship topics, and are able to achieve online badges as they learn.*

The Club is an integral part of our teaching at the centre and so all our riders are required to become Think Like a Pony Club members. Whilst awaiting a lesson slot, we advise that all children on our waiting list join The Club. We offer a special discount to all children on our waiting list when signing up with the code **RSD8**. This will reduce the monthly cost to just £8 per month. Children signed up to the Club and working through the online badges move to the top of our waiting list.





# Our Team



All our instructors are extensively trained by Lynn Henry, a leader in holistic horsemanship and animal behaviour. They are DBS checked and are trained in safeguarding and first aid. Our instructors are heartfelt, caring and in tune to the needs of their students. Visit the home page at [www.thinklikeapony.co.uk](http://www.thinklikeapony.co.uk) to watch their stories.

## Cost

All students start with weekly half hour private lessons at £31.20 each. These are prepaid for via bank transfer in blocks of six lessons at a cost of £187.20. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we advise you to purchase your own hat. There is an option to use one of our hats at a cost of £1.50 per lesson, or £9 for a block.

When a student is balanced and independent, they are able to join one hour semi-private lessons. These lessons cost £38.40 each and are prepaid for via bank transfer for a block of six lessons at a cost of £230.40 or £239.40 including hat hire.



# Joining the Waiting List

Due to current demand, the minimum age for lessons is seven years old and the maximum age is 18 years old. If you would like to add a young person to our waiting list, please contact the office with their full name, height, weight, date of birth, previous experience and the best number to reach you on. Please email this information to our Riding School Manager Margot at the email address: [margot.nillesen@thinklikeaony.co.uk](mailto:margot.nillesen@thinklikeaony.co.uk)

# Teaching Hours

Teaching hours for lessons are currently: Tuesday to Friday 4-7PM (when there is enough daylight) and Saturdays 9AM-5PM. The riding school is currently closed on Sunday and Monday.