



Horse-Riding Instructor & Yard Assistant

Required for immediate start

We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Horse-Riding Instructor to join our riding school and yard team within a thriving Prep and Pre-Prep school environment. This role would suit an experienced equestrian professional who enjoys working with children, values high standards of horse welfare, and is equally confident working independently and contributing positively to a supportive team.

Sandroyd is an independent, co-educational prep school for day and boarding pupils aged 2-13. We are fortunate enough to enjoy wonderful facilities and resources. The school owns the freehold to Rushmore House and is set in extensive grounds within the stunning Rushmore Estate. Sandroyd has approximately 200 pupils.

The Role

The successful candidate will deliver safe, engaging, and age-appropriate riding instruction, while also contributing to the daily care and management of the school's ponies and yard. The role combines teaching, practical yard work, and involvement in school riding activities and events, with periods of sole charge responsibility, while remaining an integral part of a collaborative and supportive team.

Key Responsibilities

- Assess pupils' riding abilities and ensure they are matched with appropriate ponies
- Set clear, achievable riding targets for pupils and support their progression over time
- Provide regular, constructive feedback to pupils and communicate progress effectively with parents and relevant school staff
- Deliver group riding lessons in line with BHS best practice, school policies, and relevant risk assessments
- Work effectively within a supportive riding school and yard team, contributing positively to day-to-day operations
- Undertake yard duties including exercising, clipping, tack checking, basic equine first aid, and maintaining accurate yard records
- Follow all safeguarding, health and safety, and child protection procedures at all times
- Carry out other duties as reasonably directed by the Head of Riding

Job Requirements

- Proven experience teaching children in a riding school or school-based setting
- Confidence and competence to take sole charge when required
- Ability to work well within a supportive team and communicate effectively with colleagues
- Strong skills in assessing progress, setting development goals, and motivating pupils
- Calm, responsible, and professional manner
- Sound knowledge of equine care, safety, and welfare
- BHS qualifications and teaching experience are essential
- Willingness to engage fully in the wider life of the school

Salary and Benefits

Hours of work:	Part-time Term time only (Approx. 33 Weeks a Year), Monday to Friday	Pension:	Enrolment in the school pension scheme
Salary:	In line with experience	Benefits:	Free meals during working hours Professional Development
		Reporting to:	The Head of Riding

Further Information

Any offer of appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and criminal record checks via the Disclosure and Barring Service. Application forms should state what particular skills and attributes you can bring to Sandroyd School, brief details of how you fit the position, including specific details of experience and achievements, and any interests and hobbies.

The completed application form, which can be found on the school website, should be sent to Rupert Burnell-Nugent, Sandroyd School, Rushmore Park, Tollard Royal, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 5QD or by email to bursar@sandroyd.com. Please contact Rupert regarding any questions you may have relating to this position to bursar@sandroyd.com.