The system enables riders to ride with people of the same standard and ability which will make the lessons more structured enabling the rider to improve and develop within their capabilities. There are set guidelines on what a rider needs to achieve in order to progress to the next grade this enables the rider to become an all-round horse person and the added structure encourages riders to gain confidence and to improve at their own pace.

There is a timetable with slots a week reserved for each level, (maximum 8 riders per lesson). These slots are reserved for the specified level only. A rider cannot join a grade above what they are graded, but can join the grade below as long as it is understood that the lesson content would be aimed at that lower level.

#### Lead Rein

**Objective**
An introduction to the wonderful world of horses and ponies. At this grade the children are given the chance build up their confidence around the ponies. Lessons are fun and full of games to help the child develop their balance on horseback with out to much pressure. They will have a groom leading them.

Stage 1:

**Objectives**
This level the children are off the lead rein in walk and trot aimed time is spent on improving their seat to establish a more balanced position and better control of the ponies. To grasp a basic understanding of how to care for your pony. Learn the basic green cross code for riding on the road.

Stage 2:

**Objectives**
Moving ahead improving skills learnt at level 1 introducing canter, the rider will learn to recognise correct diagonal, work with no stirrups or hands in walk and trot. Progressing on to some basic pole work. Getting more comfortable around the ponies in the stables and starting to be able to get the pony tacked up and ready with only a little help.

Stage 3:

**Objectives**
Getting better in the three basic paces, expanding on the pole work and introduce small jumping. In order to progress to the next level you must pass the Kings farm Horse riding school Pony Club D1 test in riding and stable management.

Stage 4:

**Objectives**
At this level you must be confident in all three paces on all horses/ponies. Improved confidence jumping and dealing with problems correctly the rider will also be confident on hacks. Start learning how to work horses/ponies in a good outline developing your feel on the horse. At this level the rider is setting an example to the previous levels and should be able to help them to improve. They could also be used as a teaching assistant to gain more knowledge.

#### Riding

Stage 1

* To learn the pre riding checks, how to receive a leg up and mount and dismount.
* Know the pony must stand still while being mounted.
* Be able to make the pony stand still while being mounted.
* Sit in a safe and reasonably secure position in the saddle.
* Know how to keep a safe distance when riding in a ride
* Know not to get to close to the pony in front.
* To learn to have control when riding off the lead rein, make controlled transitions, ride from halt to walk and walk to trot then trot to walk and walk to halt in a straight line
* Be able to hold and shorten and lengthen reins.
* To ride in walk independently from the rest of the ride.
* Make changes of rein and circles in walk
* Simple exercises.

Stage 2

**Riding**

* Mount and dismount unaided from the ground.
* Sit straight and balanced in the saddle.
* Lengthen and shorten stirrups on floor and while mounted.
* Check and adjust girth before and while mounted.
* Know how the pony positions his feet when he halts square.
* Be able to do working trot rising and sitting.
* Be able to make transitions at the markers accurately.
* Make changes of rein and circles in rising and sitting trot.
* Change diagonal as necessary.
* Ride over a short course of poles on the ground in walk and trot.
* Know the sequence of legs in walk and trot.
* Be able to ride as the leading file.
* Be able to pass the ride safely.
* Exercises at walk and trot without stirrups and reins.
* Be able to canter from the front to the rear of the ride.

Stage 3

**Riding**

* Mount and dismount unaided from the ground from both sides.
* Know the sequence of legs in canter
* Be able to lead a drill ride.
* Ride over a short course of poles on the ground in trot including some small X poles
* Be able to maintain a balanced position in forward seat.
* Be able to maintain a balanced position without stirrups in walk, trot and canter
* Be able to turn and ride circles in canter.
* Be able to recognise leading legs in canter and know how to change
* Know the rules of the school and be able to ride in open order safely.
* Confident to ride all horses/ponies in all paces and over jumps.
* Jumping confidently with a secure position and being able to ride a course of jumps.
* Being able to maintain a secure forward seat in the school and out hacking.
* Being confident to hack
* Being able to deal with problems correctly and effectively.
* Have an increased feel of how the horse moves underneath you. Starting to feel canter leads etc.
* Feel if your horse is stiff, hollow, unsound etc
* Learning how to work the horses correctly and improve their way of going.
* Using initiative and riding correct exercises to improve your horse.
* Riding all school figures, serpentines, shallow loops etc.
* Be able to ride and understand basic lateral work.
* Be able to warm up independently and ride safely when working in with others.

#### Road Safety

**Stage 1:**

* To know it is safe to ride on the road with adults.
* To know on which side of the road you should ride
* Understand a simple green cross code.
* Know how to ride along a road.
* Know how to cross a road
* Know how to say ‘thank you’

Stage 2:

* Know which side of the road to ride on in India and home country
* Know how to signal left and right
* Understand how to ride on the road with a friend.
* Know the sequence of traffic lights

Stage3

* Recognise the dangers to ponies from the cars and other traffic.
* Know that the weather conditions it is not safe to ride out in and how the pony may behave in bad weather
* Know what may frighten the pony and what may cause him/her to slip.

Stage 4:

* Knowing the rules we must stick to when riding out on the road and the reasons why.
* Be able to deal with difficult/spooky horses whilst out on the road in a safe manner.
* Understand how to ride and lead correctly and the benefits of ride and lead.
* Riding with reins in one hand and being able to give clear, correct signals.

#### Horsemastership

**Stage 1:**

* Know how to approach a pony and give him a pat
* Be able to put on and remove the head collar
* Be able to tie and untie a pony correctly
* Know some colours and parts of the ponies
* Be able to check if the girth is loose before mounting
* Be able to pull down stirrups before mounting
* Be able to remove the saddle and put it away correctly.
* Know that water must always be available
* Basic grooming
* Basic needs of the pony in stable and at grass.
* Proper way to give a pony and apple or carrot.

**Stage 2:**

* Approach and handle a pony correctly
* Catch a pony in the field and put on a head collar
* Lead pony in a head collar and a bridle.
* Make the pony stand still from the floor.
* Be able to take a bridle off wash the bit and hang it up correctly.
* Name different parts of the saddle and the bridle and stand the saddle on the ground correctly.
* Know how to brush a pony off with a dandy brush.
* Know how to use the body brush on the pony’s face mane and tail.
* Be able to pick out the ponies feet.
* Name simple points of the pony and recognise different markings on the face.
* Name some breeds of native ponies
* Know the basic needs of a pony in summer and winter. Why they need shelter, water and food.
* Know the difference between good and bad fences
* Know two types of food ponies eat.

**Stage3:**

* Know how to provide water in a field and how to maintain it.
* Know the different items of the grooming kit and how to use them.
* Lead a pony in hand at walk and trot and turn him correctly.
* Recognise different markings on the legs and body.
* Name the different types of breeds.
* Know the procedure for cleaning the saddle and the bridle.
* Put on the saddle and the bridle and know if it fits.
* Recognise the basic feed stuffs.
* Know how to give hay to several ponies in a paddock.
* Recognise some poisonous plants.
* Recognise stable, sweat and turn out rugs.

**Srage4:**

* Having a good, confident manner around all horses/ponies.
* Being able to deal with difficult horses from the ground.
* Understanding the benefits of lunging and know how to lunge correctly.
* Be able to lunge a horse using correct equipment in walk and trot.
* Name ten rules of feeding.
* Learning what weights of feed different horses and ratios of feed to grass.
* Recognizing different rugs and be able to put them on/off correctly.
* Know how to put on an exercise bandage
* Know how to put on a tail bandage.
* Be able to plait a mane and tail.
* Know what a horse must have to travel safely.
* Recognize minor ailments and know how to treat correctly.
* Be able to recognize lameness.

Our working areas include:

**Round Yard**

18mts dia. covered round yard for schooling

**Dressage Arena**

2 international standard 20m x 60m dressage arenas

**Jumping Arena**

40m x 70m Jumping arena

Separate warm-up arena adjacent to show-jumping arena

#### SYLLABUS-ADULTS AND CHILDREN

* Dressage and flat lessons at all levels of expertise.
* Specialized schooling for horses in dressage and show jumping.
* Basic show-jumping lessons for more experienced riders.
* Riding school horses available on livery.
* Livery arrangements to suit privately owned horses for both leisure and sport.
* Guided hacks through forest and country trails.
* In-house shows for dressage and show jumping.
* Inter-club competitions: local, regional, national and international.
* Click here for details on the Grading System

#### CHILDREN

* Equitation and stable management classes.
* Progressive riding tests.

#### PROFICIENCY TESTS

The Kingsfarm Pony Club training programme takes its structure from the British Pony Club and encourages members to take tests that enable them to learn progressively about horse and pony care and riding. For recommended ages, the tests are designed with particular objectives.

#### SUMMER AND WEEKEND

#### KIDS CAMP WEEKENDS

An Kingsfarm riding school conducts monthly children experience, first-hand, hands-on, riding’s many aspects, including most importantly, caring for the pony. Dormitory accommodation available.

**Activities include:**

* Riding lessons
* Stable management lessons
* Hacks (trail riding)
* Closing competition or demonstration

**Leisure activities include:**

* Organized games, quiz and game nights, videos, movies
* Barbecues, bonfire dinners
* Swimming (at a neighboring resort pool)

#### OWN-A-PONY DAY

Once or twice a month, the Pony Club holds an Own-A-Pony Day, filled with fun activities and a fantastic, first-hand opportunity for children to discover what it’s like to look after a pony of their own.