

# Update

## Back to school, 2022,



**Together we are 'Riding for Smiles'**

Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Everyone at Riding for Smiles wishes to express their very great sadness at the death of Her Majesty the Queen and pay tribute to her extraordinary service. Her Majesty's love of horses is very well known providing her with precious time away from her busy life. Riding for Smiles is honoured to be able to continue to deliver amazing equestrian experiences and precious time for all the children who come along to the stables always keeping in our thoughts the Queen's love of horses.

### **The Mental Health Programme**

You might remember that in April this year RfS published a Research and Development paper where we reported our research and we set the objectives for the Programme.

[RfS-MHP-FINAL-April-2022.pdf \(ridingforsmiles.org\)](#)

Our second paper detailing the findings from the initial project activity has reached its final draft. RfS hopes to be able to publish the amazing results very soon. The overall conclusion is:-

*"The children's sense of achievement was immense, and they had indeed benefitted in so many ways from the provision developed and delivered by Riding for Smiles."*

### **Real and lasting benefit continues to be delivered for every child.**

The amazing success would not be possible without the support of our staff, and the Coloured Cob Equestrian Centre. Without funding from the likes of The National Lottery Community Fund, Children in Need and many others RfS would not exist. Each child attends for a minimum of six weekly sessions up to a maximum of twenty-four weeks. RfS, together with schools, carefully assesses each child and we all work together to really make a difference for each and every child. Costs are high, somewhere between £150 and £600 for each child who comes along, we know every penny spent leads to real and lasting change. We believe RfS is different, RfS delivers and is unique in its dedicated and professional approach.

### **Disappointed**

Imagine how disappointed we were when Derbyshire County Council described RfS in these words regarding the Deprivation and ASL Programme. "*Value for money is limited*".

**An update on the Loos.** RfS is now working with lawyers to recover a substantial sum from Smart Choice Property Management of Newark who left leaving the project incomplete.

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