

Together we are riding for smiles. <u>www.ridingforsmiles.org</u>

This tagline is becoming increasingly true. Riding for Smiles would not exist, which means the children would not have the opportunity of their lifetime to experience any form of equestrianism and benefit so massively from that experience without the support of:-

- The trustees and staff of Riding for Smiles working tirelessly
 - developing and reviewing the strategy to enable flexibility of financing and of delivery in all we do to meet the greater needs of the children.
 - applying for grants and producing the detailed reports required by the funders.
 - keeping the finances in order, the social media ticking over, and so much more.
- Coloured Cob Equestrian Centre, their fabulous staff, volunteers, ponies, and horses who all understand and adapt to the changing needs and abilities of the children.
- The organisations and people who award RfS grants and those who continue to make very generous donations.
- The schools and staff at every level who work so tirelessly, who jump through hoops, who just bust a gut to find ways to enable the children to come along to the stables.
- The children who make everything we do so rewarding.

It is incredibly frustrating and sad when we here from many schools about the difficulties with illness, transport and staffing which means we are not reaching as many children as we could. Together: children, staff in schools, staff, and volunteers at the CCEC, staff and trustees of RfS, and those who provide the funding, we will continue to be riding for smiles. We will continue to find ways to reach as many children as possible.

Together

Adverb – do it with each other, joined into one whole, united to succeed. Adjective – to be admired because they are confident, organised, and know what is needed

May Riding for Smiles propose 'TOGETHER' as our word for 2023. Our word to oversee all we do together.

A happy Christmas and amazing 2023 to all of you, from all of us at Riding for Smiles.

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