

Words of Wisdom



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Choosing the right saddle for your child and your pony is an exciting but daunting process. It is important to do your research before going out to buy a saddle as there are many different styles and brands that suit many different horses and riding disciplines.

The first step is to approach a professional saddler not just a saddle fitter. As there may be many saddle fitters out there it is extremely important to know that you should approach someone who actually makes saddles not just sells them. I have been in the saddle making industry now for 30 years and I have seen many ponies with many different shapes and sizes, I have also seen many different brands of saddles and I know through my many years of experience what model and style would be right for the pony and rider. The second step is to look at your prices. Even though it may be financially viable to go for a cheaper option you have to weigh up whether this saddle is going to fit both rider and pony, whether it is going to be safe for

your child and if it doesn't fit then the costs that can incur in either vet bills or the resale of an item that has already lost incredible value. A leather saddle is always the better option over synthetic because along with the responsibilities that will come with a pony your child has to learn to look after their gear so it looks good, lasts longer and is comfortable for the pony. If a new saddle is not seen as an option then a second hand fully adjustable saddle is also a viable way to get started. It is also important to have this saddle assessed and at Peter Horobin Saddlery we can do this

whether I can come to you or whether you can send photos to me via our online saddle fitting form and with my many years of experience I can tell you what needs to be done to the saddle and how much it is going to cost to adjust it. To have a happy horse and happy rider, to enjoy a safe riding experience and to save the money in your pocket long term the best way to start is to speak to myself about what your pony and child needs and professional advice will be given with your best interest in mind. Visit our website for more information and see our testimonials regarding our saddles and our services.

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