



Rainbow Nursery

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Admissions Policy

Rainbow Nursery operates a fair and inclusive environment. We provide care for children from the ages of 6 weeks to 12 years. The above is in accordance with the legal space requirements from Ofsted and is the overriding policy in respect of admissions.

The area in which we are situated is rural however, we accept children from the local and wider communities, therefore enabling us to support parents who travel/commute to major towns and cities. Rainbow welcomes and strives to provide an inclusive practice to meet the needs of all families and children. All persons who enquire about Rainbow are offered times to come and visit the setting. We encourage the families to ask questions about the care on offer and endeavour to answer any questions asked of us. Parents are able to choose their booking pattern to meet their individual requirements.

We offer a before and after school club. This facility has 4 minibuses and 1 people carrier, which take and collect children from our local schools. Priority is given to those children already attending Rainbow. Due to registration requirements depending on the numbers of children attending each school, places will be allocated accordingly

It is the policy of Rainbow to ensure that our setting is open and welcoming to all sections of the community. This includes making the setting accessible to all. The relationship between the setting and family is crucial in providing quality care for the child. We also promote the recognition of the differences in our communities and cultures and respecting their contributions and making every effort to communicate effectively.

Places at Rainbow Nursery are allocated 12 weeks prior to a child starts date on a first come first served basis for the month the child is due to start. Other matters that are taken into account in deciding which child can be offered a place at nursery are:

- Availability of places, taking into account the staff/child ratios, the age of the child and the registration requirements
- Children who have siblings who are already with us
- The nursery's ability to provide the facilities for the welfare of the child, including appropriate staffing arrangements
- A child requiring a full-time place **may** have preference over one requiring a part-time place. This is dependent upon work commitments, occupancy and room availability

Prior to a child attending nursery, parents must complete and sign an enrolment form which contains all permissions, contact information, health information and our terms and conditions. These forms also provide the nursery with personal details relating to the child. It is part of North Yorkshire County Council, Children and Young People's Service recommendations that we include on our enrolment form questions regarding information that relates directly to the safety and well being of the child. This includes any information referring to child protection, such as, being on or having been on, the child protection register, gaining the knowledge of any court orders, care orders, injunctions and residence orders, collating information on all persons directly involved with the supporting of the family or child including names and

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contact details of outside professionals. The reason for this is to ensure that we gather as much history of the child as possible. This ensures we can continue to provide safety and protection for your children.

Government funded places

At Rainbow Nursery we currently provide a limited number of funded places (Universal and Extended) for children aged 3 to 5 years, subject to availability and sustainability for the nursery. Rainbow Nursery also accepts 2-year funding. Funding is confirmed with the parents and an individual summary provided, once agreed this funding is agreed it is then fixed for the whole of the term with no changes available once headcount day has passed.

Available funding is spread over the calendar weeks of the year as we operate 52 weeks a year. On each month's invoice the funding hours used and remaining is clearly stated.

This policy was reviewed in October 2020

This policy will be reviewed in October 2022 or before if there are any changes in legislation.

Signed: *ZAWatson*

Early Years Nursery Manager

Changes due to COVID-19 outbreak

Our before and school club is currently running on a limited service due to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the children and staff at Rainbow.