Rainbow’s End Montessori School is open for 47 weeks of the year.

Parents receive information about Sessions & Fees when they register a child with the setting or when they request information about the setting.

Parents receive a copy of the setting’s Terms & Conditions, which includes terms & conditions regarding the payment of fees, and a copy of the setting’s Sessions & Fees Information along with the registration form when they register a child with the setting. Parents sign to agree to the Terms & Conditions at the time of registration.

FEES:

* Parents may choose to pay termly or monthly.
* Invoices are issued termly or monthly via the Blossom App. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that they are accessing the Blossom App and that they provide the preschool with an up to date & functioning email address.
* Fees are payable termly or monthly in advance.
* Fees may be paid by direct bank transfer, Tax-Free Childcare or employers’ childcare vouchers.
* Fees are due by the date specified on the invoice.
* Payments by vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare are due by the date specified on the invoice.
* It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that they pay the correct amount due as shown on the invoice.
* No refunds or credit will be offered for overpayment.
* There is no charge for Bank Holidays.
* Half-day closures for preschool events will be charged at the usual rate. No alternative sessions will be offered. Where an event is limited to a particular age group (eg school leavers only), children who do not fall into this age group will not be charged.
* Where payment is not received by the date specified on the invoice the child will be unable to attend until all outstanding fees have been paid in full.
* Where fees have not been paid by the date specified on the invoice Rainbow’s End Montessori School reserves the right to withdraw a child’s place. At the discretion of the proprietor, once outstanding fees have been paid in full, a child may re-apply for a place at the preschool. This will require a new registration form and will incur the usual £50 registration fee. A child who re-applies for a place in these circumstances will be treated as a new application and will be subject to the usual process to allocate available sessions as per our Admissions Policy.
* Rainbow’s End Montessori School reserves the right to review fees without prior notice. However, it is anticipated that fees will be reviewed annually and that reasonable prior notice of reviewed fees will be given.

NURSERY EDUCATION FUNDING

* Rainbow’s End Montessori is able to accept 15hrs and 30hrs Nursery Education Funding and Disadvantaged 2 Year Old Funding.

2YR OLDS

* Children become eligible for the Disadvantaged 2 Year Old Funding from the term after their 2nd birthday, subject to criteria set by the Local Authority.
* In order to access the Disadvantaged 2 Year Old Funding parents must provide their funding code and the email from Dorset Council confirming their eligibility for Disadvantaged 2yr old Funding.
* Children who are eligible for the Disadvantaged 2 Year Old Funding may attend for up to 15 hours per week entirely free of charge.
* Children eligible for the Disadvantaged 2 Year Old Funding entitlement of 15 hours who chose to attend for 15 funded hours or less per week are not charged a registration fee.
* If parents choose to send their child for more than the 15 funded hours per week the additional, non-funded hours will be charged at the hourly rate as set out in the setting’s Sessions & Fees information.

3 & 4YR OLDS

* All children become eligible for the Nursery Education Funding from the start of the term after their 3rd birthday.
* Children who are eligible for the Nursery Education Funding receive up to 15 funded hours per week.
* Parents whose children claim the 3-4 year old funding and who choose to access sessions that are subject to an Additional Services Fee (all sessions other than the Late Afternoon Session as set out in Sessions & Fees Information) are charged a fee per funded hour their child attends as set out in the setting’s Sessions & Fees information that is given to parents at the time of enquiring about a place.
* If parents choose to send their child for more than the 15 funded hours per week, or more than the 30 funded hours per week if eligible for the 30hrs Extended Childcare, the additional, non-funded hours will be charged at the hourly rate as set out in the setting’s Sessions & Fees information.

 FREE FUNDED SESSIONS

* Children eligible for the 3-4 year old Nursery Education Funding who chose to attend fully funded (Late Afternoon 3.30-5.00pm) sessions only, as set out in Sessions & Fees information, are not charged a registration fee and may attend for up to 5 Late Afternoon sessions per week entirely free of charge.
* Once children who received Disadvantaged 2yr Old Funding become eligible for 3-4 year old funding they may attend for up to 15 funded hours per week, or 30 funded hours per week if eligible, entirely free of charge.
* Children who are in receipt of EYPP may attend for up to 15 funded hours per week, or 30 funded hours per week if eligible, entirely free of charge.
* If parents choose to send their child for more than the 15 funded hours per week, or more than the 30 funded hours per week if eligible for the 30hrs Extended Childcare, the additional, non-funded hours will be charged at the hourly rate as set out in the setting’s Sessions & Fees information.

30HRS EXTENDED CHILDCARE OFFER

* Rainbow’s End Montessori School is able to offer 30hrs Extended Childcare.
* Where parents are claiming the 30hrs Extended Childcare it is parents’ responsibility to obtain their Eligibility Code, and to pass their code to Rainbow’s End Montessori School in time to begin accessing the 30 hours.
* It is parents’ responsibility to reconfirm their eligibility on time in order to continue receiving the 30hrs Extended Childcare offer.
* Where parents cease to be eligible for the 30hrs Extended Childcare Offer they must give 4 weeks’ notice in writing of their intention to decrease their child’s sessions when their Grace Period ends. Where 4 weeks’ notice is not given, parents are responsible for full fees for the notice period.

QUERIES & COMPLAINTS

* Parents who feel that they have not received their funding entitlement in the correct way should, in the first instance, raise their query or concern with Rainbow’s End Montessori School and the provider will seek to resolve the issue. Parents may, if they wish, lodge a formal complaint through Rainbow’s End Montessori School’s complaints procedure. If Rainbow’s End Montessori School is unable to resolve the concern or complaint to the parents’ satisfaction, parents may wish to contact Dorset Local Authority by emailing them at earlyeducationfunding@dorsetcc.gov.uk. The issue will be investigated, and the parent and provider informed of the outcome.

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