

Admissions policy

Statement of intent

It is our intention to make our Rainbow Woods Rainbow Woods Pre-School accessible to children and families from all sections of the local community. We are registered with OFSTED to provide up to 24 places at one time and we accept children from their second birthday. We do not require children to be toilet trained on admission.

Aim

We aim to ensure that all sections of our community have access to the Rainbow Woods Pre-School through open, fair and clearly communicated procedures.

Methods

In order to achieve this aim, we operate the following admissions policy.

- We ensure that the existence of the Rainbow Woods Pre-School is widely advertised in places accessible to all sections of the community.
- We ensure that information about our Rainbow Woods Pre-School is accessible in written and spoken form and, where appropriate, in different languages. Where
 necessary, we will try to provide information in Braille, or through signing or an
 interpreter.
- We arrange our waiting list in birth order. In addition our policy may take into account the following:
 - a) The vicinity of the home to Rainbow Woods Pre-School; and
 - b) Siblings already attending the Rainbow Woods Pre-School.
- We keep a place vacant, if this is financially viable, to accommodate an emergency admission.
- We describe Rainbow Woods Pre-School and its practices in terms which make it clear that it welcomes both fathers and mothers, other relations and other carers, including childminders.
- We describe our Rainbow Woods Pre-School and its practices in terms of how it treats individuals, regardless of their gender, special educational needs, disabilities, background, religion, ethnicity or competence in spoken English.
- We describe Rainbow Woods Pre-School and its practices in terms of how it enables children with disabilities to take part in the life of the Pre-School.
- We monitor the gender and ethnic background of children joining the group to ensure that no accidental discrimination is taking place.
- We make our equal opportunities policy widely known.

- We consult with families about the opening times of the Rainbow Woods Pre-School to avoid excluding anyone.
- We are flexible about attendance patterns to accommodate the needs of individual children and families.
- We offer families the opportunity to visit the Rainbow Woods Pre-School before applying for a place and before taking up that place. The visit(s) can occur whenever a parent is ready and prior notice is not required.
- At present, we do not charge top-up fees for funded children. This is subject to frequent reviews. Any change to this will need to be agreed by the Pre-School Manager. All parents will be notified of any change in writing. Any change will only be implemented at the start of the next term or half-term, not during the term in which the new decision was agreed.

See also:	Complaints Policy
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Confidentiality and Information Sharing Policy

Equality and Diversity Policy

Fees Policy

Parents Partnership Policy

Personal and Intimate Care Policy

Settling In and Transitions Policy

Special Educational Needs (SEN)/Disability Policy

Date:	November 2020
Owner:	Sara Packer
Signed by Chair of Governors:	
Signed by Pre-School Manager:	
Date of Review:	November 2023