

# Admissions Policy

At Rainbow Hill House Nursery, we care for up to 100 children per day, between the ages of 3 months – 5 years old.

The numbers and ages of children admitted to the nursery comply with the legal space requirements set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). When considering admissions we are mindful of staff: child ratios and the facilities available at the nursery.

The nursery uses the following admission criteria, which is applied in the following order of priority:

1. Looked after children
2. A child known by the local authority to have special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND) and whose needs can be best met at the preferred nursery
3. A vulnerable child with either a Child Protection or a Child in Need Plan, or in receipt of other local authority support
4. Children who have siblings who are already with us
5. Children whose parents live within the area.

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. We operate a waiting list and places are offered on an availability basis.

We operate an Inclusion and equality policy and ensure that all children have access to nursery places and services irrespective of their gender, race, disability, religion or belief or sexual orientation of parents.

Prior to a child attending nursery, parents must complete and sign a contract and other relevant registration forms (e.g. permission forms, all about me forms, parental agreement forms etc.). These forms provide the nursery with personal details relating to the child. For example, name, date of birth, address, emergency contact details, parental responsibilities, dietary requirements, collection arrangements, fees and sessions, contact details for parents, doctor's contact details, health visitor contact details, allergies, parental consent and vaccinations etc.

## **Providers eligible to provide government funded places for early education**

At Rainbow Hill House Nursery, we currently provide a limited number of government funded (working families funding) places for children; this is subject to availability. These places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and it is the parent/carer responsibility to apply for, and maintain the funded code. Please note, all codes must have a start date which is BEFORE the beginning of the term that you wish for your child to start at nursery.

When you register your child for their funded place, we will discuss your needs and, as far as possible with availability and staffing arrangements, we will accommodate your wishes. We reserve the right to limit and/or have specific funded sessions, according to our business requirements.

<b>This policy was adopted on</b>	<b>Signed on behalf of the nursery</b>	<b>Date for review</b>
<i>12<sup>th</sup> December 2024</i>	Faye Jemal	<i>December 2025</i>