

## Funding and Additional Extras Package

At Rainbow Day Nursery, the government's Universal and Working Families funding for 9-month, 2-year and 3/4-year old children is free. No deposit is required for a funded-only space. Early Learning for Two-year-olds funding (families receiving certain benefits/low income), does not incur any charges, including a deposit. All paid-for spaces require a Fees Deposit of £150 which will be returned, under our Terms and Conditions, when the child leaves.

Entitlement for free childcare can be checked via <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk> or [www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working](http://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working). If secured, you will receive a funding code - we will ask for this, together with the claiming parent's details and National Insurance number to complete a Funding Agreement and check eligibility with the London Borough of Merton. Funding is secured for each full term and cannot be transferred to, or from, another setting until the next term.

We roll out all 30-hour places as three full days. Additional sessions may be booked on a permanent or ad-hoc basis. Our funding is over 38 weeks and the remaining 14 weeks of the year are full fees (please see our Fees Chart). There are a limited number of 38-week spaces, generally awarded to teachers working only 38 weeks of the year. We are currently looking at changes to our provision for school-nursery-aged children, receiving 30 hours of funding per week. Please call us for further details on this scheme.

At Rainbows we offer an Additional Extras Package which costs £25 per funded day. This comprises of all provision not required to deliver the basic EYFS (2025) curriculum, including meals, snacks and adapted Baby Menu; local outings (with enhanced adult:child ratio) to bring learning to life; drama group (delivered by a professional company), events, celebrations, charity fund-raisers, professional photographer, concerts and associated, additional admin; bespoke extra curricula activities such as *Once Upon a Rainbow*, ballet lessons, *Rhyme Time* and a Physical Programme for each age group; our own supportive Parent Information Leaflets; and our interactive parent app *Ovivio* providing a diary and photographs as an informative window into your child's day at nursery.

Some aspects within the Additional Extras Package may not be accessed by all children all the time (depending on age and days of attendance). However, all children in receipt of the Additional Extras Package will have access to provision above and beyond the basic EYFS (2025) and increased parental interaction through *Ovivio*. We also vary the days of extra curricula activities as much as possible, to ensure everyone has the opportunity to fully experience Rainbow's outstanding ancillary offer.

If you would prefer not to receive our Additional Extras Package, the fee will be removed and you can access our basic provision. If you choose to provide your child's own meals and snacks, these must be similar to what the other children are having, adhering to nursery policies and the EYFS Nutrition Guide (2025). If you choose not to use our Parent App, you will receive a verbal hand-over from the practitioner looking after your child. Extra curricula activities are the ideal way to enhance children's learning, understanding, development and enjoyment as they navigate above and beyond the basic curriculum, however, they are optional, and our high-quality teaching of the elementary EYFS (2025) will continue to be delivered to all children attending our nursery.