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9.01 Fees and Funding

We aim to be as flexible as possible to enable parents to choose a pattern of attendance that suits their child's and family's needs. To enable us to do this we do not have a set number of places in our rooms and will deploy staff in a way that allows us to offer places to as many children as possible whilst maintaining adult to child ratios. Places are not dependant on the payment of additional private hours although additional hours can be paid for once your entitlement limit has been reached, our private rate is £8 an hour. To find out what spaces are currently available please call and speak to the Admissions Officer.

Little Stars

Little stars is our 2-year-old room and is open from 9.am to 12 noon.

Children can start after their second birthday and must attend at least two sessions a week, these can be fee paying or funded.

For a child in receipt of FEEE2 15 hours funding we would aim to offer every morning subject to availability. Where it is not possible to offer all five sessions we would offer as many as spaces allow and increase the sessions as soon as additional places became available.

There are no additional charges as we do not charge for snack and parents are required to supply nappies, wipes etc for their child.

For a child in receipt of FEEE2W 30 hours funding we would aim to offer every morning in Little Stars and the remainder of the day in the Rainbow Hall. Due to the higher staff child ratio required we have a limited number of all-day spaces for 2-year-olds. Our full days are 9.am to 3.30pm meaning each day uses 6.5 hours of funding, parents may choose to do a combination of full and part days without additional charges. For example, a parent may choose:

- Monday all day (6.5 hrs)
- Tuesday all day (6.5hrs)
- Wednesday am (3 hrs)
- Thursday all day (6.5 hrs)
- Friday am (3 hrs)

This would use 25.5 hrs of funding per week. There are no additional charges as we do not charge for snack and parents are required to provide a packed lunch and nappies, wipes etc for their child.

Rainbow Hall

We offer:

- morning sessions from 9.am to noon (3hrs)
- afternoon sessions from 12.30pm to 3.30pm (3 hrs)
- full day session from 9.am to 3.30pm (6.5 hrs)

For a child in receipt of FEEE 3 & 4 Universal 15 hours funding a parent may choose all morning sessions, all afternoon sessions, or a combination of all day and half day session subject to availability.

A parent choosing all morning, all afternoons or a combination of sessions can use their 15 hours and would not incur any additional charges as we do not charge for snack and they are required to provide nappies, wipes etc for their child.

A parent may choose to send their child for two full days, for example:

- Monday all day (6.5 hrs)
- Wednesday all day (6.5 hrs)

This would use 13 hrs of funding per week, with no additional charges; a packed lunch must be provided.

A parent may decide they want additional hours and choose, for example:

- Monday all day (6.5 hrs)
- Wednesday all day (6.5 hrs)
- Thursday all day (6.5 hrs)

This totals 19.5 hours, 15 hours funded and 4.5 hours charged at our hourly rate.

For a child in receipt of FEEE 3 & 4 Extended 15 hours for working parents they could attend four full days and one half day without any additional charge this could be, for example:

- Monday all day (6.5 hrs)
- Tuesday all day (6.5 hrs)
- Wednesday morning (3 hrs)
- Thursday all day (6.5 hrs)
- Friday all day (6.5 hrs)

This totals to 29 hours of funding per week.

To attend five full days a parent could use 30 hours of funding with an additional 2.5 hours charged at our hourly rate.

FEEE2 funding can only be claimed by one setting, all other funding can be split between 2 providers.

Types of funding

2-year-old Entitlement for families in receipt of government support (FEEE2 15 hrs)

This is not a universal offer; only eligible children can access this funding via an application process. To check for your eligibility and apply go to [Funded childcare for 2-year-olds: Overview | Essex County Council](#) If eligible you will be given a unique reference code starting with TYF which you give to your provider to submit a placement notification. This code does not need to be checked again and remains valid until the term after your child turns three when they become eligible for universal three- year-old funding (15 hours).

Working Parent Entitlement

Working parent funding can be applied for on [Homepage | Best Start in Life](#), eligible parents can apply the term after their child turns 9 months. It is the parents' responsibility to apply for the code before the fixed deadlines

- 31st March for the Summer term
- 31st August for the Autumn term
- 31st December for the Spring term

and to reconfirm their codes every three months. Working parents will remain eligible at a current setting if they fall into their grace period but cannot start with a new setting until their code has been reconfirmed and prior to the cut-off date. New or lapsed codes will show as eligible once confirmed but cannot be claimed for until the next cut-off date. E.g. A new code confirmed on 2nd January may show a child as eligible but was confirmed after the cut-off date of 31st December for the Spring term and cannot be used until the Summer term. Working Parent Entitlement cannot be used once the child has started at Reception in school.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

EYPP is additional funding for early years settings to improve the provision for eligible children. This means that for low-income families, providers are entitled to receive additional funding for all children accessing up to 15 hours funding. If you think you might qualify for this please complete the appropriate section on your child's funding form.

Each child's attendance at the group is conditional upon continued payment of fees. For part fee paying/ part funded children parents need to agree with the admissions coordinator which sessions are to be funded and which are to be paid for. Additional sessions requested after head count day must be paid for by parents/carers. For children transferring mid-term parents/ carers will be responsible for fees unless the previous setting is willing to transfer funding to Rainbow (Please ask a supervisor for details).

For parents who find it hard to pay a lump sum, alternative arrangements such as weekly payments can be made with the manager. However, if payment is not made by the date shown a reminder will be sent. If payment is still not received, then your child's place at

Rainbow may be withdrawn. If a child leaves Rainbow (for reasons other than to commence formal schooling) one month's term time notice is required in writing otherwise additional fees are payable. If you have any problems with fees, please speak to the manager