



## Fee's & Admissions Policy (Cont.)

### Free Early Education (FEE) – Funded Hours

#### 2 YEAR OLDS

#### 15 Hours Funded Childcare for 2-Year-Olds

*Your 2-year-old is eligible for 15 hours of funded childcare per week if you live in England and get any of the following benefits:*

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (or both), and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act – NASS support

*They are also eligible if:*

- they are looked after by a local authority
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- get Disability Living Allowance
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

Free for 2 funding is available Ringle Rainbow Nursery providing that the family meets the requirements set out by Kent County Council. These places are offered on a termly basis and are subject to availability. To check eligibility and apply online please visit KCC website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/childcare-and-pre-school/free-childcare#tab-1> If your application is successful you will be given a 6 digit code to be presented to the nursery.



### 3-4 YEAR OLDS

Every child will be eligible for Free Early Education (FEE) from the start of the term following their third birthday. Terms are split into the traditional three academic periods:

A CHILD BORN ON OR BETWEEN:	Free Early Education Will Commence From:
1st September - 31st December	Start of term 3 in January following their 3rd birthday
1st January - 31st March	This will be the start of the term 5 in April following the Easter Holidays following their 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday
1st April - 31st August	Start of term 1 in September following their 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday

### FREE EARLY EDUCATION UNIVERSAL ENTITLEMENT - 3 & 4 Year Olds - (15 Hours)

Please see table below on the Free Early Education Entitlement (FEE) and how your child can access their hours at Ringle Rainbow Nursery and the associated costs for additional hours. You will be invoiced in the usual way. You will receive notification in advance of your child becoming eligible for the free entitlement. For further information please speak with the Management team and visit <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/childcare-and-pre-school/free-childcare#tab-2> or [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) for more information.

### WORKING PARENTS – Extended Entitlement (15 or 30 hours)

Parents of children aged between 9mths to 4 years may be entitled to up to 30 hours of funding towards their childcare costs.

Parents must apply for these entitlements through the government digital childcare service. HMRC is responsible for checking whether a parent is eligible and issuing an 11-digit eligibility code. Unlike the universal entitlement, which only has an age criterion, parents also need to meet income requirements in order to qualify for the working parent extended entitlement. Parents should be encouraged to apply to HMRC the term before their child meets the age criterion in order to ensure they can access a place at the start of the term after their child's second or third birthday. If not, they will need to wait until the following term to access their 15 or 30 hours place. In order to offer the hours Ringle Rainbow Nursery will have to validate the 11-digit code with Kent County Council. To do this we will need the code and parent's national insurance numbers.



At Ringle Rainbow Nursery the FEE and working parents extended entitlement hours are offered in the following formats.

<b>FULL DAY – 8am to 6pm</b>  <b>(6 hours funded)</b>	Includes 6 hours funding per session Please note this covers the cost of childcare only	<b>Plus, an additional fee of £38</b>  Additional Charge is broken down as follows £28 for 4 additional hours; £10 for hot cooked lunch, breakfast, mid-morning & afternoon snacks, tea and all drinks. Includes all consumables and forest school sessions where applicable.
<b>MORNING SESSION – 8am to 1pm</b>  <b>(3 hours funded)</b>	Includes 3 hours funding per session Please note this covers the cost of childcare only	<b>Plus, an additional fee of £25</b>  Additional Charge is broken down as follows: £15 for 2 additional hours; £10.00 for hot cooked lunch, breakfast, mid-morning snack and all drinks. Includes all consumables, and forest school sessions where applicable.
<b>AFTERNOON SESSION – 1pm to 6pm</b>  <b>(3 hours funded)</b>	Includes 3 hours funding per session Please note this covers the cost of childcare only	<b>Plus, an additional fee of £23</b>  Additional Charge is broken down as follows: £15 for 2 additional hours, £8 for afternoon tea, snack, and all drinks. Includes all consumables.

**Stretched Funding – 15 Hours (Universal or Working parents Entitlements) 570 hours a year**

The universal entitlement can be stretched over 48 weeks of the year. The funding for Universal Funded Childcare equates to 12 hours per week.

(Please note 12 hours a week totals 576 hours per year of which 570 would be funded, 6 hours would be chargeable in the 48<sup>th</sup> week)

**Stretched Funding – 30 Hours (Extended working parents Entitlement) 1140 hours a year**

The extended entitlement of 30 Funded Childcare hours can be stretched over 48 weeks of the year. The funding for Extended Funded Childcare equates to 24 hours per week.



(Please note 24 hours a year of which 1140 would be chargeable in the 48<sup>th</sup> week)

week totals 1152 hours per funded, 12 hours would be

Ringle Rainbow can only offer a limited number of FEE fully funded childcare places in-line with our pattern of delivery. The decision on the number of spaces will be at the discretion of the Nursery Manager. When exercising this discretion the following circumstances will be taken into consideration:

- Receipt (current or previous) of 2-year-old Funded Childcare.
- Receipt (current or previous) of EYPP.
- Receipt (current or previous) of means tested benefit.
- Any other extenuating circumstances.

The registration Fee of £20 will also be waived for those accessing funded hours only.

For more information, please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) If you would like further clarification on any of the points above, please speak with the Nursery Manager.