



Admissions and Fees Policy

Updated to reflect the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) for group and school-based providers effective 1 September 2026, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026, Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026 as supplementary safeguarding good-practice guidance where relevant, the Equality Act 2010, UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018, and current early education and childcare funding requirements.

Vacancies

Due to our high demand, if we are unable to offer a place to a family, their interest will remain on our waiting list system until a place becomes available. Admissions decisions will prioritise children's welfare where relevant, including children with SEND, safeguarding needs, or in care.

We make it clear to parents that we can not always reserve places in advance as we cannot guarantee that particular sessions or days will be available in the future on a particular date.

Children can start at Ringle Rainbow on or after their second birthday.

Confirmation of a child's start date and settling-in sessions will be emailed to parents with a welcome message, before they are due to start.

Safeguarding

In accordance with the EYFS statutory framework effective 1 September 2026 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026, and with reference to relevant safeguarding good practice within KCSIE 2026, registration and emergency contact information must be accurate and kept up to date. Parents must inform the nursery promptly of changes to contact details, address, medical information, family circumstances relevant to the child's welfare, or individuals authorised to collect the child. We monitor attendance and absences as part of our safeguarding practice. Unexplained, prolonged or concerning patterns of absence will be followed up with parents/carers and escalated to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) where appropriate. Where there are concerns about a child's welfare, information may be shared with relevant safeguarding agencies without consent where lawful and necessary to protect the child.

Sessions

Ringle Rainbow Nursery requires a minimum of 3 sessions per week to support continuity in a child's learning and development, foster strong relationships and help practitioners know children well. This supports effective observation of children's wellbeing and the nursery's safeguarding responsibilities under the EYFS.



Ringle Rainbow require a minimum amount of 3 sessions attended per week. For example;

- Three Mornings
- Three Afternoons
- One Full Day, plus one Afternoon or Morning Session

This ensures continuity in the children's learning journey and fostering strong positive relationships with both staff and with their peers.

Parents may be able to purchase additional care at an hourly rate subject to availability, the cost will be £8.50ph.

We offer 'flexible care' which means parents can drop off and pick up at any time between a chosen session. For example, if a parent has paid for a full day, they can drop off any time from 8am and pick up any time before or up until 6.00pm.

We are open for 51 weeks a year, closing on Bank Holidays. Our Christmas break will be for 1 week plus the Bank Holidays. In addition, we reserve the right to hold 2 inset staff training days each year, advance notification will be given of the dates.

What's Included?

Our fee structure is fully inclusive of all drinks and snacks, all meals relative to the session attended plus wipes, nappies, Calpol, Suncream and resources NB. we ask that only nappy cream is provided by parents if needed. Our fees do not include any outings, celebrations or entertainment that is in addition to our usual session activities.

Late Charge

We appreciate that unavoidable events sometimes come up but to be fair and consistent, we reserve the right to charge late fees if a parent does not pick up their child at the end of their allocated session. Late fees are charged at £8.50 per 5 minutes and this will either be added to the next monthly invoice or paid via cash.

Fees & Registration

To request a place at Ringle Rainbow, a registration form must be submitted with a £20 registration fee. Before a child starts, the nursery must hold the information required for safe admission and care, including parent/carer and emergency contact details, relevant medical, allergy and dietary information, collection permissions and any information necessary to meet the child's safeguarding, SEND or welfare needs. A place is not confirmed until formal confirmation has been issued by the nursery.



To request a place for your child at the nursery you must complete a registration form and return it to the nursery along with a registration fee of £20 upfront. The nursery will contact you to confirm whether a place is available for your child.

Once availability is confirmed and a place is offered at Ringle Rainbow, we ask parents to pay their first invoice to secure their place. We are, unfortunately, unable to refund fees if a place has been offered, accepted but not commenced.

Fees are payable monthly (in advance) on the 1st of each month. We are always eager to avoid charging any late payment fees but a fee of £25 per week will be due for any late payment. In the event of prolonged or repeated late payment, the care may be paused or ceased with immediate effect. In the eventuality of the care being paused, the fees are still due until the child rejoins. In the eventuality that the care is ceased immediately, the 31 days' notice will still be due. To try and be consistent with parents, the start date cannot be delayed or attendance days changed unless agreed by the Nursery Manager.

The management team of Ringle Rainbow has the right to increase the fee amount and alter the session structure, opening times etc, at any time and will inform parents via email. We will, of course, try to give parents as much notice as possible of any change of fees and sessional structure.

Parents will be required to re-read our Fees and Admissions Policy to ensure they understand the changes made.

When the setting decides to close due to adverse weather, an Act of God, force majeure, or if a parent's child is absent from nursery due to being on holiday, illness or temporarily withdrawn due to a parent's own volition, infectious diseases, epidemics, unforeseeable repairs or any failure of public or utility services (such as highway and public transport delays or failures, fees will remain due and unfortunately parents are not entitled to a refund for these sessions. Parents are also, unfortunately, unable to swap these missed sessions with any future sessions.

Change of Contract

We require at least 31 days' notice (excluding weekends) for any change to sessions or termination of the childcare contract. All changes are reviewed in relation to safeguarding, continuity of care, and SEND provisions.

We require at least a 31 days' notice to be given (excluding weekends), in writing, if the number of sessions is to be reduced, changed or if a parent wishes to terminate their contract. For children leaving for school, their contracts will automatically be cancelled from the 1st September of that year.



If parents would like to increase their sessions, and we have the availability, we will accommodate this as soon as we possibly can. If we do not have spaces available at the time of request, we will add the parent's child to our waiting list and accommodate as soon as we possibly can.

If a child is accessing extended hours these can be increased for the remainder of the term should the parent's employment situation change. The total extended hours should not exceed 15 hours per week. Evidence may be required to support this change. Any request for an increase in extended hours is subject to availability.

Ringle Rainbow reserves the right to cease providing care to a family. In the event that the leadership decides to stop accepting custom from a parent, we will try to give as much notice as possible, but this will usually be no longer than 2 months. Examples for us refusing to accept custom are aggressive or threatening behaviour, consistent failure to pay fees, discriminatory behaviour, etc.

Bank Holidays

Bank holidays and the festive period closure are still charged for and these are factored into the daily fees

Invoicing

Invoicing is calculated monthly and may differ from month to month depending on how many weeks/days there are in a particular month.

Illness, Medication, Sunscreen and Activities

Children cannot attend nursery if they are suffering from sickness, diarrhoea, an infectious illness, or have any nonspecific rashes until they are symptom free or cleared to return to nursery by a doctor. In the event of your child being injured or becoming ill while at nursery we may administer first aid, arrange for your child to obtain medical assistance, or require an early collection. If we are unable to reach you then we will call an authorised contact as the nursery deems appropriate.

You will need to complete the required documentation prior to the nursery administering any medically prescribed medication to your child. This must be a UK prescribed medication, written in English, from a GP, dentist or pharmacist and must be given to us with the prescription label attached. We ask parents to keep children on antibiotics at home for the first 48hrs. For non-prescription medication, please view our Medication policy. Your child's attendance at nursery whilst on medication will be at our sole discretion.

The nursery may apply sunscreen to your child before going outside. If you wish to supply your own sunscreen, it must not contain any allergens which may cause risk to other children. You may request in writing for the nursery not to apply sunscreen however your



child may not go outside in sunny weather without some form of sun protection such as long sleeve clothing, sun hat etc.

It is common practice for staff members to take children on walks or other activities in the local area. You may request in writing that your child does not participate in these activities

Late Collection and Non-collection

We follow our safeguarding procedure for uncollected children. If a child is not collected within 30 minutes of their scheduled time and reasonable attempts to contact parents/carers and emergency contacts have failed, the person in charge will seek advice from or make a referral to local authority children's social care in accordance with local safeguarding procedures. Staff will remain with the child, maintain appropriate staffing arrangements and ensure the child is safe, reassured and cared for. The incident and all contact attempts will be recorded securely.

If a child has not been collected from the nursery after 30 minutes has been allowed for lateness, we initiate the following procedure:

The nursery manager will be informed that a child has not been collected

The manager will check for any information regarding changes to normal routines, parents' work patterns or general information. If there is no information recorded, the manager will try to contact the parents on the telephone numbers provided for their mobile, home or work. If this fails the manager will try the emergency contacts shown on the child's records

The manager/staff member in charge and one other member of staff must stay behind with the child (if outside normal operating hours). During normal operating times, the nursery will plan to meet required staff ratios. If the parents have still not

collected the child, the manager will telephone all contact numbers available every 10 minutes until contact is made. These calls will be logged on a full incident record.

In the event of no contact being made after 30 minutes has lapsed, the person in charge will ring the local authority children's social services emergency duty team.

The two members of staff will remain in the building until suitable arrangements have been made for the collection of the child.

The child's welfare and needs will be met at all times and to minimise distress staff will distract, comfort and reassure the child during the process.

In order to provide this additional care a late fee of £8.50 for every 5 minutes late, will be charged to parents. This will pay for any additional operational costs that caring for a child outside their normal nursery hours may incur.



Collection Arrangements

Only you or authorised contacts who are over eighteen years old can collect your child from nursery. If your child remains in nursery after the specified closing time and the nursery has not been able to reach you or an authorised contact to agree your child's collection, we will call Social Services and/or other government bodies as the nursery deems appropriate. If you are late collecting your child, we may charge you a late pick-up fee as further described in the fees sheet.

General

The nursery is not responsible for any items left by you at the nursery including but without limitation: push chairs, prams, car seats, and clothing.

Funding

We offer limited, fully funded childcare spaces in our nursery. We also offer part funded spaces, you can find more details on funding at our website, ringlerainbow.co.uk

Privacy and Data Protection

We process personal information in accordance with UK GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018 and other applicable data protection legislation. Admission records, parent communications and children's information are stored securely with access limited to authorised persons. Information may be shared where there is a lawful basis to do so, including where necessary to safeguard or promote the welfare of a child. Consent is not required where another lawful basis permits or requires safeguarding information to be shared. BabysDays and other systems used by the nursery are managed in accordance with our data protection, confidentiality and information-security arrangements. Please refer to the nursery Privacy Notice for full details.

We are committed to protecting your privacy. This statement is made in the light of the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 in order to advise you of Ringle Rainbow data processing practices which will govern the processing of your data. We also use BabysDays to communicate to our parents. Please see our website for further information or if you wish to receive further details regarding BabysDays please speak to your nursery manager directly. If you have any queries about this statement, please contact us at

Your GDPR rights and how to exercise your rights at Ringle Rainbow Nursery

The GDPR affords 7 individual rights. Not all of these rights are absolute – this means that there are conditions attached to some of the rights and in most cases, a balanced approach to entitlement and interests, is promoted by the regulations.



The right to be informed about the processing of your data. – Ringle Rainbow actively inform colleagues and parents about the data we process. - Our policies and procedures for processing data, are transparent, accessible, and intelligible. - We issue privacy notices where appropriate, including on our website.

The right to access data that Ringle Rainbow Nursery hold about you or your child. - You can request to be informed about or see the data we hold about you or your child - You can request to verify the lawful basis for our processing of your data.

The right to rectify data that is incorrect or incomplete. - Most rectification requests can be resolved informally, by speaking with the person in charge of the information, such as a Nursery Manager, Deputy Manager or the management team. - Occasionally, a parent or colleague may wish to make a formal rectification request. – Ringle Rainbow Nursery will consider whether the data is inaccurate and other factors, such as whether an inaccurate account (such as a false allegation) was rectified but the inaccurate account was lawfully retained. - If Ringle Rainbow Nursery have shared inaccurate information with third parties, we will where possible (and not disproportionate), inform them of any rectifications made.

The right to erase your data - sometimes known as ‘the right to be forgotten’. – Ringle Rainbow Nursery will consider the relevance of the data you wish to erase and whether it is necessary for us to retain or erase the information due to an overriding obligation or legitimate interest. - If Ringle Rainbow Nursery have shared the erased information with third parties, we will where possible (and not disproportionate), inform them of the erasure.

The right to restrict processing, by insisting that data held about you is not used. - Requests for data restriction are an alternative to erasure and may be temporary, such as while the lawfulness or accuracy of data processing is being verified or in order to support a legal claim. - Procedures for restricting processing are variable, for example: • Removing the data from our website, but retaining within a password protected file. • Making an exception to auto-deletion of an ex-colleague’s file. • Creating a secure file for information that may be processed if and when the restriction is lifted. - You will be informed before a restriction is lifted, with reasons that the restriction no longer applies. - If Ringle Rainbow Nursery have shared the restricted information with third parties, we will where possible (and not disproportionate), inform them of the restriction.

The right to data portability allows you to reuse your data to access different services. - This right applies only to personal data that you provide to Ringle Rainbow Nursery and is processed by automated means, such as website search / usage history. - If the right applies, you can request a copy of the data and / or to have the data transmitted by Ringle Rainbow Nursery, to another controller.

The right to object to the processing of your data. - This right applies only when our lawful basis for processing the data is a legitimate interest of Ringle Rainbow Nursery; used for direct marketing or used for research / statistics. - You have an absolute right to object to



direct marketing. If you object to receiving promotional offers, Ringle Rainbow will no longer send you this information, even if you previously asked to be included. - In other cases, the regulations require a balanced approach, weighing your particular situation and reasons for objecting, against any compelling reasons for processing the data.

Request Procedure

Many issues can be resolved at site level, as they arise. Examples include amending contact details or withdrawing consent to display photographs. Formal requests should be made to Central Support at ringle rainbow@outlook.com

CCTV

We have CCTV cameras in the setting to protect and safeguard your child. These camera areas include reception/entrance areas and within the St Faith's site but not within the nursery toilet/changing facilities.

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