



# Prospectus

# Welcome to Rainbow Nursery

Full and part-time places available for children aged from birth to 5 years.

## What Makes Us Special?

**Rainbow Nursery is a converted semi-detached house set in the 'Avenues' in Hull, offering a 'homely', yet educational environment for children to play and learn in. We are committed to offering families a professional service, where you can confidently leave your child in our care, knowing that they are being cared for by highly qualified practitioners who truly care about your child and their individual needs.**

A registered charity, Hull CVS took over Rainbow Nursery in August 2012 providing the nursery with security and a new lease of life. Rainbow Nursery is ran as a non-profitable company and support the charity work of Hull CVS to promote justice, equality and improving the quality of life in the local community.

Within our Nursery, we have 4 rooms in which children of different age groups are cared for, ensuring that children are kept safe, in environments where they can socialise and build friendships with children of a similar age.

Our aim is to meet the needs of all parents, and we will always try to tailor a 'package' of care to meet your circumstances.

### **Our promise is to:**

- Enhance the development and education of all children in a warm, happy and loving environment.
- Provide a safe, secure and stimulating 'home from home'.
- Respect the individual needs of all families, promoting children's awareness of the multicultural society in which we live.

### **We offer your child:**

- Planned activities which are tailored to meeting your child's next steps in learning, working alongside the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum.
- Individual care and attention made possible by a high ratio of adults to children.
- Fun and friendships with children and nursery practitioners.
- The support of a designated 'key person'.
- Opportunities for you and your family to be directly involved in the activities of the nursery and your child's progress, via regular parents evenings, family events, newsletters and summative assessments.

## Our Achievements

Rainbow Nursery is registered with OFSTED. Our most recent inspection took place in January 2018, and we were proud to receive a 'good' rating, stating that our 'provision is strong'.

We have achieved 'Step 1' in the quality assurance scheme 'Steps to Quality', demonstrating our commitment to maintaining high standards of care and education and working towards 'Step 2'.

We hold a 'Level 5' grade for our standards of kitchen hygiene and food preparation, which was awarded to us by Environmental Health as part of Hull's 'Scores rating' scheme.

Our nursery practitioners hold qualifications in Nursery Nursing well above the recommended minimum as directed by Ofsted and undergo continued professional development to develop their skills and knowledge of working with children, keeping up-to-date with changes in the child care field. The Nursery Manager holds a BA (Hons) in Childcare Education and Care; a number of practitioners within our team have completed or are working towards their Foundation Degree in Early Years and BA (Hons) Degree in Childcare Education and Care, to ensure we maintain up to date childcare knowledge.

Practitioners attend local training on a regularly basis, provided by the local council to refresh our practices on providing the highest standard of care within the nursery. This is especially important in regards to Safeguarding Children.

## Security

Children's safety is of paramount importance to us! We have installed a state of the art, biometric finger scanner unit, allowing only people who are registered on our system to access the Nursery. CCTV is in operation throughout the building, with a monitor placed in the Office so that all children rooms of the nursery can be viewed by the Nursery Manager and parents who may wish to watch.

All of our staff complete enhanced level DBS checks and comprehensive references are obtained prior to offering employment.

## Our Facilities

**Babies (6 weeks – 18 months)** - Our babies are cared for in a 'homely' and nurturing room; having the necessary equipment for our little ones to play, eat and sleep in. Our objective for the care of our babies is to provide a warm, loving and consistent environment, in which they can confidently explore so that they are able to reach their milestones. We strive to carry out your child's routine at nursery, just as you would at home.

With children of this age, we place importance in 'hands on' experiences. Babies love to play with our treasure baskets and have fun playing in water, gloop and with jelly and spaghetti!

Circle times are introduced within the daily routine, the babies enjoy singing time, listening to stories and flashcards; incorporating early mathematics and language skills.

On site, we have several pushchairs so that our babies can go out for short walks, these include to Pearson Park, local library, local fruit and vegetable store etc. We also use our nursery garden (weather permitting) to have regular fresh air and develop their physical skills and sensory awareness. Soft Play is available for babies who are not walking confidently if it is too wet to play outside.

At mealtimes, we will cater for all of your baby's dietary needs, and are happy to support you through the stages of weaning. All meals are prepared by our onsite cook and Nursery Practitioners hold a food hygiene certificate.

Our baby room enables children to develop with other babies of a similar age and day-to-day activities are directly tailored to their developmental needs.

**Young Toddlers (18-30 months), Toddlers (30-42 months)** – Our toddlers play and learn in two separate rooms the younger children on the ground floor, and the older toddlers on the first floor, allowing us to place children within small groups. They have their own consistent team of carers, one of whom will be their 'key person', responsible for keeping developmental records and for keeping you up-to-date with your child's progress.

Within these rooms, children have access to a wide range of activities that are age and stage appropriate for their needs. Children often enjoy taking part in craft activities, role play, dance and reading lots and lots of stories!

We work with families to ensure your routines are supported, including toilet training. We are happy to support you and your child during this time and can offer useful information leaflets and advice, sharing our experience of how we have encouraged many children!

We provide lots of opportunities and activities which will develop children's language and imagination, social development, manipulation skills and independence skills. Circle times and small groups are encouraged throughout the routine including discussing the weather, registration, letters and sounds, numbers and shapes.

Outside play is a crucial part of the day; we ensure we have time in the garden both morning and afternoon.

**Pre-School (42-60 months)** – We have a well-balanced, flexible routine in place which ensures your child is able to learn at their own pace, by having child-led and adult-led activities running throughout each nursery day. All activities are linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage, guiding children towards achieving the Early Learning Goals.

We actively support children's transition to school through the provision of well planned activities as well as through our continuous provision. Rainbow Nursery has strong links with all nearby primary schools and has developed good communication skills to ensure our children are ready to enter their chosen schools.

Just a few of the activities and experiences that we offer are:

- \* Sand & Water
- \* Circle time
- \* Music & dance
- \*Introduction of phonics
- \* Computer & other ICT equipment
- \* Cookery
- \* Book corner
- \* Role play
- \* Outdoor play activities
- \* Construction
- \* Arts & crafts

Pre-school children are encouraged to participate in small group times; every day the children will complete letter land and number land. Registration is completed morning and afternoon alongside looking at the weather.

When your child leaves Rainbow's Pre-school room we endeavour to ensure your children are developed and are ready for the transition to their chosen primary school. This will include fully toilet trained, can use knife and fork confidently, can read/write own name, and can fully undress/dress themselves and many more.

### Outdoor Play

We have 3 multi-functional outdoor areas, providing our children with the opportunity to develop their large motor skills and sensory awareness in an environment that is both safe and stimulating.

Children are encouraged to develop through play in the sand pit, growing flowers, vegetables and herbs, den making, weaving, mark-making, climbing, riding wheeled toys, water play and role play. We play outside in all weather conditions providing that children are dressed appropriately.

**Soft Play room** – a large sized room to promote children's physical and personal, social skills and a nice alternative space to our outside environment. This equipment was kindly donated from The Deep.

### Meals

Mealtimes at Rainbow Nursery are social occasions – babies, young children and adults sit together to develop important social skills, such as eating at the table and feeding themselves from an early age. We employ a Nursery cook, who prepares cooked meals on a daily basis, using fresh ingredients on the premises, in our own Nursery kitchen. She holds up-to-date and appropriate hygiene and safety qualifications, as well as a good knowledge in catering and nutrition for the under-fives.

Our menus are displayed throughout the Nursery. Meal plans are chosen to ensure that they are well balanced, nutritious and varied and include at least 5 fruit and vegetable portions each day. All children who attend for a full day will receive lunch and tea. In addition, healthy snacks are served in the morning and again in the afternoon with milk or water.

## Two, Three & Four Year Old Funding

Some two year olds are able to claim 15 hours of free nursery education funding, the term after they turn two years, this is dependent on family circumstances.

Funding is available for all three and four year old children, beginning the term following their third birthday. Children can claim up to 15 hours of free nursery education funding per week during term time or claim this over 51 weeks of the year for 11 hours per week. This can be extended depending on your circumstances to 30 hours per week term time or 22 hours a week over the 51 weeks.

**\*Currently at Rainbow Nursery we are only able to offer the stretched funding meaning 11 hrs per week (1 full day or 2 half days).**

## Childcare Vouchers

We accept childcare vouchers from all providers; please contact the Nursery Manager for advice on how to set these up with your employer.

## Opening Hours

Rainbow Nursery is open from 7.30am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

### **Sessions we offer are:**

Full Days – 7:30-18:00

AM Sessions – 7:30/8-13:00

PM Sessions – 13:00-18:00

All parents should pick up 10 minutes before last pick up time to allow for practitioner's feedback on your child's day.

Children are welcome to attend on a full or part time basis. Please feel free to come in to talk to us about your requirements; we will try to put together a plan which fits in with your needs.

We are open all year round, only closing for public Bank holidays. We close at lunchtime on Christmas Eve and re-open the day after New Year's Day (where these are working days!)

## Fees

Pricing structure effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

		0-2 years	0-3 years	3-5years
Full Day	7.30am to 6pm	£48.00	£47.00	£40.00
Half Day	8am-1pm or 1pm/6pm	£27.00	£27.00	£25.00
Extended Half Day	7.30am to 1pm	£30	£30	£28
Full Week	5 full days	£230	£225.00	£190.00
Hourly rate		£6.00	£6.00	£6.00
3/4 Yr. Old Funded Sessions	Meal Cost	N/A	N/A	See meal pricing structure *
Registration Fee	Payable by cash or chq to secure your place here at Rainbow	£35.00		

### Meal cost structure

	3-5 years
Full day	£2.50
Morning session	£2.00
Afternoon session	£1.50

Fees are payable on the first of the month by Standing Order or direct debit. We offer a 10% sibling discount which is applied to the elder child for non-funded weeks only. Each child may be entitled to two weeks holiday at half fees each year; these are to be booked with the nursery manager with 4 weeks' notice if possible.

## Further Information

If you would like any additional information please contact Claire Kinsley (Nursery Manager); by phone on 01482 448764 or email [info@rainbownurseryhull.co.uk](mailto:info@rainbownurseryhull.co.uk) or perhaps visit our website at [www.rainbownurseryhull.co.uk](http://www.rainbownurseryhull.co.uk)

We hope to hear from you soon.

The Rainbow Team

\*Please speak to Nursery manager regarding meal options