

Summary of Fees

Rainbow Early Years (REY) is a registered charity managed by a volunteer parent committee and therefore has to charge a fee for each session a child attends.

Our standard charge is currently set at £4.50 per hour, £13.50 per session. This is reviewed annually by our management committee. This will be increasing to £4.80 per hour £14.40 per session in September 2020.

The Free entitlement funding is available to claim a maximum of fifteen (15) hours for all children from the term after their third birthday (i.e. from the 1st of January, April & September). If parents wish their child to attend more than fifteen hours then they will need to pay the standard session charge for each additional hour. Unless parents are eligible for the extended 30 hour entitlement for more information or to check whether you are eligible please visit <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/> (Please note you must have your code before the start of the term your child becomes eligible). For younger children you will have to pay for all sessions booked which will be £14.40 per three hour session unless you have been accepted for the 2 year old funding, for more information please visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-free-early-education-funding-for-2-year-olds>

We are open Monday to Friday from 9:00 till 3:00 term time only. Your child may attend as many hours that you wish as long as there is sufficient space, please bear in mind that we are limited to a maximum of Thirty (30) children in the building at any one time. We are able to offer an 'early start' for children from 08:30 each morning at a small additional charge of £2.50.

All fees are to be paid according to our 'Payment of fees' policy and families will be invoiced each half term i.e. six (6) times a year. Parents/Guardians are asked to sign a contract stating that they are aware of the fees policy, that they will pay any fees owing before the end of each half term. This will be kept and used by our Book Keeper to generate the invoices. If your child is not at REY for any reason be it sickness or holiday, their fees still need to be paid according to the contract you have signed. We request that all families pay any fees owing on receipt of the invoice at the start of each term, month, week (parents are able to choose the frequency when signing the contract) and not wait till the last day.

We ask if you pay fees owing electronically through your bank (details on the bottom of invoice) as a preferable method of payment. Childcare vouchers are also accepted, and cash. Due to Bank charges we are unable to accept cheques under £10.00 these are made payable to 'Rainbow Early Years'. Please place fees in a sealed named envelope in the black box in the foyer.

We will make an additional charge to any family for late collections (without prior notification) as follows: - between 10 and 30 mins - £5.00, between 30 and 60 mins - £10.00, over 60 mins - £20.00. These charges are in place because the staff caring for the child will need to be paid overtime (see the non-collection of children policy for more details), and two members of the staff need to be available to ensure safeguarding requirements are also met.

If you experience any difficulties with meeting payments, please come and speak to the Manager or Office Assistant. Any questions about funding should be addressed to the Manager or Chair of the Management Committee.

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