When parents wish their child to start attending immediately at the time of registration and where spaces are available for the parents’ chosen sessions, the child may begin attending as soon as the registration paperwork is complete and the registration fee paid.

Where no spaces are available for the parents’ preferred sessions, parents are offered alternative available sessions. If no suitable sessions are available, the child’s name is added to a waiting list and the parents are informed as soon as a space becomes available.

Spaces are allocated to children on the waiting list according to age (eldest child on the waiting list is offered the space first). This is in keeping with the Code of Practice for the delivery of Nursery Education Funding in Dorset. In keeping with codes of practice set by Dorset Local Authority, there may be cases in which a child’s circumstances mean that they take priority over other children to be allocated a space.

Where parents register a child and wish them to start at a later date:

1. The child’s registration form is filed in the Registration forms folder under ‘Future Registrations’ and the term/date that they wish to start is written at the top of the form. Spaces can only be guaranteed in advance for a September start. Children applying to start at other times in the year will be allocated spaces up to a maximum of one term (12 weeks) ahead of their preferred start date and spaces will be allocated according to age and individual circumstances as described above. This means that, for children applying to start at any time of the year other than September, parents’ preferred spaces cannot be guaranteed more than 12 weeks in advance.
2. Children who are accessing the Government Nursery Education Funding free entitlement (ie. from the term after their third birthday and are claiming EYPP and choose to attend for up to 15 (30 if eligible) funded hours or less per week) must not be charged a registration fee for their free place. A registration fee applies to children who attend any sessions where fees apply or hours exceeding the child’s funded entitlement.
3. Children who are accessing the 2 Year Old Funding (ie. from the term after their second birthday, choose to attend for up to 15 funded hours or less per week and can produce a confirmation email and 2yr old funding code) must not be charged a registration fee for their free place. A registration fee applies to children who attend any non-funded sessions or hours exceeding the child’s funded entitlement.

Rainbow’s End Montessori School is completely independent from Parley First School. Admission to Rainbow’s End Montessori School in no way guarantees, nor enhances the possibility of, a child being offered a place at Parley First School. This is explained to parents in response to any enquiries.

Admission to Rainbow’s End Montessori School is in line with our Equal Opportunities Policy, SEND Policy, and Sick Children Policy. Rainbow’s End Montessori School seeks to admit all children, irrespective of their ethnic, cultural, religious or social background, gender, life experiences, disability, impairment, or medical requirements. As such, Rainbow’s End Montessori School is committed to training staff and to working in partnership with other agencies to make Rainbow’s End Montessori School a suitable environment for children with wide-ranging needs and backgrounds.

Rainbow’s End Montessori School reserves the right to refuse to admit a child if, after careful consideration and after discussion with the child’s parents and any other agencies or professionals involved with the child, it is felt that Rainbow’s End Montessori School would not be able to meet the child’s needs with regard to care, safety, development, or education and that, therefore, admission to Rainbow’s End Montessori School would not be in the best interests of the child.

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