



St. Helens Council

RAINHILL COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOL



Rainhill Community Nursery School CHARGING POLICY September 2015

Rainhill Community Nursery is committed to providing the highest quality educational experiences for children. All children are entitled to five sessions per week at the nursery, each of 3 hours duration, free of charge. However, it is recognised that occasionally the quality and range of learning opportunities can be enhanced by extra activities. There are times when the nursery asks for contributions from parents and carers to enable these opportunities to take place. In addition, the nursery provides "snack" foods and cooking and baking activities for children. A regular contribution is requested from parents and carers to support these. As an extended school, the nursery offers a range of "wraparound care" options to enable parents and carers to purchase extra sessions at nursery. A charge is made for these. This policy explains how these contributions and charges apply.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 All education during school hours is free. We do not charge for any activity undertaken as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum within the standard nursery session.

2. Voluntary Contributions

2.1 When organising school trips or visits, which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school sometimes invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip if surplus school funds are not available. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel a trip. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. We do not treat these children differently from any others.

2.2 If a parent wishes their child to take part in a school trip or event, but is unwilling or unable to make a voluntary contribution, we do allow the child to participate fully in the trip or activity. Sometimes the school pays additional costs in order to support the visit. Parents have a right to know how each trip is funded. The school provides this information on request.

- 2.3 The following is a list of additional activities organised by the school, which sometimes require voluntary contributions from parents (these activities are known as 'optional extras'): visits from "The Bug Man", visits by musicians such as "Samba Bamba", visits by performers such as "Splats Circus".
- 2.4 Snack, including food items which involve the children's participation in baking or cooking, is provided for the children and parents/carers are asked for a weekly voluntary contribution. If there are sufficient contributions remaining once snack food has been purchased, the fund may be used to enhance provision in the nursery with responses to topics of interest such as bulbs for planting, ingredients for making playdough or items for short-term interactive displays, or even activities from professionals such as dance instructors.

3 Wraparound Care charges

- 3.1 As an Extended School the nursery offers a range of Wraparound Care in addition to a child's free nursery entitlement. These services are primarily intended to support families who need their child to be cared for in nursery for longer than the standard nursery session. Where available, these sessions may also be offered to parents and carers to purchase for 3- or 4-year old children who do not already attend the nursery.
- 3.2 All Wraparound Care sessions are chargeable, and the current charges payable are listed on the attached contract form, which forms the basis of the contract between the nursery and the parent or carer. The terms and conditions of the contract are also attached, including procedures which will be invoked in the event of non-payment of fees.

Date Policy to be Reviewed September 2016