

1	My child is	2 years old 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years old 14 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 years old 9 <input type="checkbox"/>	
2	My child enjoys coming to Rainbow's End (tick one)	Always 20 <input type="checkbox"/> most of the time 12 <input type="checkbox"/> sometimes 1 <input type="checkbox"/> not usually 0 <input type="checkbox"/> never 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
3	About the settling of your child at Rainbow's End Pre-school (tick all that apply)	My child was helped to settle at Rainbow's 29 <input type="checkbox"/> I found the open afternoons in the summer helped with settling 8 <input type="checkbox"/> A good relationship with the key person helped my child to settle 20 <input type="checkbox"/> My child did not settle well at Rainbow's 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Comments/suggestions			
4	I feel comfortable in approaching staff with questions, or a problem	Strongly Agree 22 Agree 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
5	I know who my child's key person is	Yes 30 <input type="checkbox"/> No 1 <input type="checkbox"/> I think so 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
6	Rainbow's End encourages my child to be healthy	Strongly Agree 18 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
7	My child is safe and well cared for at Rainbow's	Strongly Agree 26 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
8	I feel I am given enough information about what is going on at Rainbow's End	Strongly Agree 18 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
9	I know where to find Rainbow's End's policies and procedures	Strongly Agree 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 19 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
10	I find the following forms of communication useful (tick all that apply)	Email 32 <input type="checkbox"/> Website 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Outside parents notice board 22 Notice board near pegs 7 <input type="checkbox"/>	Paper in pockets 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Flip chart by the double doors 25 Other 1 <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/suggestions			
11	I am happy to receive information by email	Yes 33 <input type="checkbox"/> No 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
12	I find the website easy to use	Strongly Agree 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 14 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/> I don't use the website 6	Comments/suggestions

13	My child's individual needs and interests are catered for at Rainbow's End	Strongly Agree 16 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
14	I am happy with the variety and quality of the activities and resources at Rainbow's End	Strongly Agree 23 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
15	About the Early Years Foundation Stage	I am aware of the EYFS 25 <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to know more about the EYFS and/or child development 9	
Comments/suggestions			
16	I find the coffee mornings useful for the following reasons (tick all that apply)	Share child's progress with key person 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Work with key person to create targets 14 <input type="checkbox"/> Express concerns 23 <input type="checkbox"/> Meet other parents/children 12 <input type="checkbox"/> I have not attended a coffee morning (if not why?) 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Comments/suggestions			
17	I feel involved and a part of the Rainbow's community and my child's learning	Strongly Agree 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
18	I find/would find the following worthwhile and enjoyable (tick all that apply)	Mothers Day celebration 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Fathers Day come and play 20 <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Day 31 <input type="checkbox"/> Nativity 33 <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Show 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Church Services 23 <input type="checkbox"/>	Santa's Grotto 26 <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Egg Hunt 26 <input type="checkbox"/> Summer outing 24 <input type="checkbox"/> Library Duty 17 <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with fundraising 14 <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with small jobs at Rainbow's 16 <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/suggestions			
19	Are there any activities that you feel you (as a parent) cannot access?	If yes why and how else could we involve you? Yes 3 <input type="checkbox"/> No 28 <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	Rainbow's End is an important part of the community	Strongly Agree 20 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
21	Why did you choose Rainbow's End for your child? (tick all that apply)	Close to home 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Opening hours 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Good reputation 27 <input type="checkbox"/> Other siblings have gone there 14 Recommended by friend/family 14 Ofsted report 8 <input type="checkbox"/>	Meeting local families 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Connection with church 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Access to playground 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Range of activities provided 14 Staff ratios 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Staff qualifications 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Near local school 15 <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/suggestions			
22	I would recommend Rainbow's End Pre-school	Strongly Agree 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions

MORE GREAT CHILD CARE – GOVERNMENT REPORT

The government review '[More Great Childcare](#)', amongst other things, has suggested that all pre-school staff should be qualified to at least level 3 and that settings should employ more graduates. In order to be able to pay qualified staff they are suggesting that ratios be lowered. We would like to hear parents' points of view on this.

A Which statements apply to you?

I am happy with the current ratio of 1:4 (2 year olds) and 1:8 (3+ year olds) **29** ☐
 I would be happy with a ratio of 1:6 (age 2) and 1:13 (age 3+) if staff were more qualified **1** ☐
 I think that all staff should have at least level 3 qualifications* **4** ☐
 I think that all staff should have at least level 2 qualifications* **10** ☐
 I think that all settings should have a graduate as part of the staff team **7** ☐
 I do not believe that qualifications affect the quality of care **11** ☐
 I would be prepared to pay more to keep ratios down but have more qualified staff **12** ☐
 I'm not sure **1** ☐

*and recognise fees may have to increase to support this

HOME VISITS

We are thinking of introducing home visits as part of our induction to Rainbow's End Pre-school. At other nurseries it has proven to be very beneficial for children/families and the pre-school in settling the child and planning for their individual needs.

B	I would have welcomed a home visit from the manager and my key person before starting at Rainbow's End Pre-school	Strongly Agree 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Agree 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments/suggestions
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THE PARENT COMMITTEE

Rainbow's End cannot be the setting it is today without parents coming forward to help with events and joining the committee.

C	How would you be able to help?	Officer position (chair, treasurer, secretary) 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Committee member 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Help with fundraising events 14 <input type="checkbox"/> Donating prizes e.g. raffle 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Attend committee meetings (once a term) 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Attending events e.g. Summer Party 24 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Any other Suggestions for future improvement and planning at Rainbow's End

Name (optional):

Actions in response to parent questionnaire

Access to Policies and Procedures

In addition to the downloadable file on the website we will display the hard copy in the hall for the first 2 weeks of the year after which time it will be available for parents to view in the office.

Information about the Early Years Foundation Stage

In addition to the information already existing on the website, material, resources and ideas will be displayed at coffee mornings for different areas of learning. Parents will also be encouraged to discuss their child's progress towards the Early Learning Goals at drop off and pick up to share short-term targets.

Coffee Mornings

We will rotate the days on which group coffee mornings fall in order to increase the likelihood of parents being able to attend due to work commitments. Parents who are unable to attend are encouraged to have a discussion with their child's key person at their convenience e.g. at pick up time.

We will trial having one evening parents meeting and evaluate the effectiveness.

Hours and Term Dates

The opening hours and term dates of Rainbow's End are often reviewed at committee meetings (all parents are welcome to attend these meetings).

The start time of 9.15am was determined by the start time of Ewhurst CE Infant School and there being enough time for parents (and staff) to drop any siblings off at school before dropping off at Rainbow's End.

The finish time on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays was similarly chosen to give parents enough time to then collect siblings from school after picking up from Rainbow's End.

It would not be possible for Rainbow's End to run any later than 2.45pm due to the time it takes for staff to pack away before other users of the village hall arrive.

Rainbow's End is a term time community pre-school. Although the committee and managers do everything they can to accommodate the needs of working parents, the setting's ethos and missions statement is not that of a day care provider but aims to provide opportunities and an environment for children in Ewhurst and surrounding villages to develop in readiness for school.

At Rainbow's End, our aim is to provide a safe, happy, varied and stimulating environment.

We offer your child the opportunity to learn and explore using a wide range of activities and equipment covering all areas of the curriculum, providing the best possible foundations for their future.

Ratios

In accordance with the majority opinion on the subject, Rainbow's End will continue to uphold the current ratio of 1:4 (2 year olds) and 1:8 (3 year olds) for this academic year at least.

Home Visits

Rainbow's End aims to trial home visits for one academic year to evaluate the effectiveness beginning with the January 2014 intake.

Thank you to all those who participated in the questionnaire. We encourage all parents to share their views on the continuous improvement of the pre-school either directly to the chairman/manager or by attending committee meetings, which take place once a term.