



Two Year-Old Provision at Ryton Federation

Session prices and times

At Ryton Federation we offer paid and funded sessions. The morning session time is 8.45am – 11.45am and the afternoon session is 12.30pm-3.30pm.

If you do not qualify for 2 year-old funding the price per session is £18. To check if you are eligible for funded sessions please refer to <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>

What will my child learn?

The Early Years curriculum is taught through seven areas of learning. The three Prime Areas (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language) are crucial in Early Years as they underpin all other learning such as the four Specific Areas (Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design). In our two year-old provision the Prime areas of learning are the main focus in terms of teaching, learning and assessment.

How will my child learn?

Children will learn through play (independently and alongside adults) in our well-planned and resourced environment which allows them to develop their skills and knowledge. Children will also take part in some short adult-led tasks, in groups and individually such as stories, counting and singing, which meet the developmental needs and interests of children. The daily routine is of paramount importance and learning opportunities are carefully built into the structure of the morning/afternoon. Children's development is tracked and a learning journey for each child is kept. This can be shared with you at regular intervals such as parent and teacher meetings but also informally upon request.

Where will my child learn?

Children will learn both inside and outside. Please ensure that they are well equipped for all weathers – hats, gloves and waterproof coats in winter, sun cream and caps in summer. Wellington boots can be kept in school at all times so children can dig in our mud pit and/or use the mud kitchen.

What will my child eat/drink?

Children have access to water, milk and a snack each day. If your child would like to bring their own water bottle please ensure it is named and no juice should be brought. Please let us know if your child has an allergy and/or an intolerance.

What do I need to do at home with my child?

Allow children to take part in real life activities such as cooking, shopping, “writing cards”, going for walks and involve them in daily life and routines. Children will also bring home a storybook which they have chosen. This should be shared at home and brought back to school where a new book can be chosen.

What should my child wear?

Children should be comfortable and in clothes which they can attempt to manage independently E.g. Velcro shoes/trousers easy to pull up/down. No Jewellery is permitted. Please do not dress children in expensive clothing, children will get messy in Nursery when painting, cooking, digging so please bear this in mind when dressing them. Uniform is not compulsory for Nursery children but can be worn if you prefer.

What should my child bring to Nursery?

A named water bottle brought daily is helpful. Spare clothing (including underwear and socks and change of outfit/uniform), nappies, wipes and named wellies can be left in school on your child’s peg should we need them. We do have some spares. We discourage children from using soothers and dummies in Nursery, however if your child needs this to enter the Nursery happily we will remove it as soon as they are ready. It will be stored in their named pot.

I am worried about my child.

If you have any concerns about your child’s development or you have anything you would like to discuss, please come and talk to us or make an appointment to meet with us. You can contact the EYFS Lead via email if this is easier
kellybolland@rytonfederation.org.uk.

Settling in, dropping off and picking up.

Try not to sneak off if your child comes in settles, make sure you have a quick and happy ‘see you later’. If your child is distressed and you are comfortable to, you may wait out of sight until you know your child has settled as we help to distract and calm them, reassuring them that at home time they will be collected by yourself/carer or family member. If your child was showing no signs of settling, we would call you. We would never let your child be upset for longer than 5-10 minutes. We are unable to let children be collected by anyone under the age of 18 or not on your collection list so please let us know if any alternative arrangements have been made to avoid any delay at home time.

My child is not toilet trained.

Your child does not need to be toilet trained to attend our two-year old provision. We will support your child and follow their lead and your approach to toilet training. We have a study changing table, potties and toilet steps in Nursery. All we ask is that you could provide spare clothing and nappies and wipes if your child is still in nappies or using pull-ups.

What do I do if my child is poorly, needs medication or is going on holiday?

Please contact the office if your child is poorly and is too unwell to come to school. Children should stay off school 48 hours after the last time they vomited or had diarrhoea. If your child needs to have medication in school you must fill out a medical form in the office. Please inform the office if your child will not be attending school due to holiday commitments – when your child is in Reception you will be asked to request time off school which is only granted in exceptional circumstances.

If you pay for sessions (Two Year-Old provision or Nursery) and your child does not attend one of their sessions due to illness or any other arrangement, you will still be charged for the session to keep your child's place as staffing has been prearranged.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to pop and see us or leave a message with the office on 0191 4132776.

Many thanks, The EYFS Team.