



**In the heart of Moira for
almost 50 years.
Estimated 1500 children
through our setting.**

**Some of our current parents have kindly taken the
time to share their feelings about the current
position we find ourselves in and also their thoughts
on how the loss of Rainbow Corner might affect their
families and their community.**

Rainbow Corner has been incredibly important to our family, and the thought of it closing is deeply upsetting.

Our daughter Sophia was born at 24 weeks and, when she first started attending, she had quite complex needs. Finding a setting where she was safe, understood, cared for properly and genuinely supported was not something we took for granted. Rainbow Corner has provided that for her and for us.

The staff have not just looked after Sophia, they have helped give us confidence, stability and reassurance during a time that has often felt challenging and uncertain. For a child with additional needs, consistency, routine and trusted relationships matter hugely. Losing Rainbow Corner would not simply mean losing a nursery place. It would mean losing an environment that has played a vital role in Sophia's development and in our family's ability to cope.

Places like Rainbow Corner are a lifeline for families. They are not easily replaced, especially for children who need understanding, patience and the right support around them. The closure of this nursery would have a very real human impact on children and parents in the community, including our family.

I would urge anyone in a position to help to do everything possible to ensure Rainbow Corner can remain open. I would want any future children to be able to attend rainbow corner setting.

My daughter attended Rainbow Corner Playgroup and she loved it so much that we put it as her first preference for Pre-School. She has flourished and grown so much with the help of her teachers and the setting itself. As a parent, I can see how much hard work and effort the teachers put in daily and often friends comment to me about how many activities and opportunities my daughter gets at Rainbow Corner compared to other Pre-Schools.

The loss of the premises and the potential closure of Rainbow Corner affects my family greatly as I was planning to send my son to Rainbow Corner Playgroup in November 2027. The loss of this amazing setting means it will be very difficult to find a Playgroup that is local for my son, but also one that is on par with Rainbow Corner.

To further this, the loss of the Pre-School will be an even greater loss, not just for my family, but for Moira as a whole. With 22 children currently attending Rainbow Corner Pre-School, I can only wonder where those children would attend if Moira was to lose those spaces. The whole situation makes me worry for the future of the children that live in this village, including my own.

I am very eager to learn what the current building will be used for to better the community, as that is one of the values stated by the owners of the building. What can better the community more than the education and care of our children?

Please can I ask that as a community we work together to find a solution to save Rainbow Corner. It is of the upmost importance that we keep it local to the village of Moira so we can continue to see the fantastic benefit that we are lucky to have.

The potential closure of Rainbow Corner would be devastating for our family. Our eldest son currently attends Rainbow Corner Pre-School, having also been there for playgroup, and he has absolutely loved his time. He regularly talks about what he has learned and the friendships he has made, not only with us but also with his younger brother, who is due to start playgroup next year and then pre-school the following year.

If Rainbow Corner were to close before then, our younger son would face a very difficult transition at a crucial stage. He already knows the setting, feels comfortable in the environment, and is familiar with the staff. Losing that continuity would be incredibly unsettling for him.

Moira is continuing to grow, with new housing developments bringing more young families into the area. This naturally increases demand for pre-school places. The loss of Rainbow Corner would significantly reduce local capacity, forcing families like ours, living on the edge of the village, to look further afield for placements.

As a household with two working parents, this would cause major daily disruption. Managing drop-offs and pick-ups in different locations would be extremely challenging and could even lead to difficult decisions around employment.

Rainbow Corner has been at the heart of Moira for over 30 years. My husband attended the pre-school himself, and it holds deep personal and community significance for our family. He is still friends with people he first met there, which speaks volumes about the lasting impact it has on children's lives. Its closure would not only affect current and future families but would also mean the loss of a vital part of the village's educational foundation and heritage.

We strongly support efforts to secure new premises for Rainbow Corner and sincerely hope a solution can be found to allow it to continue serving the community for many years to come.

Rainbow Corner has been amazing for our family. My son loves his day which is always packed with fun, friends and the most welcoming, loving and trustworthy staff members.

Before Rainbow Corner, my son attended an all day care setting outside of Moira along with my eldest son who now attends Rowandale. The experience was pleasant but for my children attending a care setting outside their own village meant saying goodbye to friendships, familiar faces and routines. My eldest son knew nobody for P1 when he started Rowandale and it was a rocky beginning.

That's why I chose Rainbow Corner for my second son because he has enjoyed being part of his own community. I rearranged my entire work schedule for him to attend Rainbow Corner, that's how important it has been to our family knowing he will have friends and familiar faces as he continues his Education journey.

A favourite part of my sons day is walking home from a great morning at Rainbow Corner and experiencing the busy life of the village.

1. We buy a big donut from the Centra and he orders his sausages from the counter himself.

2. He gets a huge Ice-cream from Cairos and always says hello to the staff.

3. He looks and smells at all the fruit and vegetables at The Barrow.

4. He explores The GAP to look for some new treasures and toys.

5. He marches me to the meat centre for our tasty dinners and of course he receives a bag of sweets for having a big grin at the counter.

These daily tasks and interactions seem small, but they are big for our family. We feel we belong in the village and Rainbow Corner has made his happen.

We would be devastated if Rainbow Corner closed down. It is top of my list for my youngest daughter to attend both Playgroup and Preschool. If it closes then there's a chance that she could have an education place outside of the community and the small interactions of village life will be no more for us.

The Telford Family.

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the potential closure of Rainbow Corner Moira Pre-School and Playgroup.

We were delighted when our daughter was offered a place here as the environment was warm and welcoming and the staff brought immense experience. This made the transition into preschool much easier and exciting!

As parents currently utilising these services, the loss of this facility would have a profound and disruptive impact on my family's daily life and our children's future.

Our family relies on the Rainbow Corner community, with one child currently attending and thriving in the care of the dedicated staff. However, the impact of a closure extends far beyond today. With two younger children (aged 2 and 1) whom we had fully intended to send to Rainbow Corner, we are now faced with the daunting prospect of losing the continuity and stability that this pre-school provides.

If Rainbow Corner were to close, it would mean:

* Disruption of Siblings' Education: The loss of a familiar, trusted environment where our youngest children could follow in their sibling's footsteps.

* Childcare Uncertainty: The immense stress of finding high-quality, local alternatives in an already stretched childcare market.

* Loss of Community: Rainbow Corner is a vital part of Moira; losing it would mean losing a support network that helps our children—and our family—grow.

We urge all stakeholders and residents to come together to secure new premises.

Rainbow Corner is an essential service, and for the sake of our children's early education and our family's peace of mind, it is a service we cannot afford to lose.

Peter and Rachel Moorhead

Losing Rainbow Corner would be a massive blow to our family. We would be absolutely devastated if it was no longer there.

Since attending, our son Arlo has come on so much in his speech, language, and overall confidence. It's been amazing to see how much he has grown. He genuinely loves going each day, enjoys the variety of activities, and has built lovely friendships along the way. It's been a huge relief to have a place we trust so implicitly.

Having seen first hand the nurturing start this has provided our son, it is absolutely our intention for our one year old daughter to attend Rainbow Corner when she's older. It is incredibly unsettling that she may not have the opportunity to benefit from that same wonderful environment in which her sibling has thrived in.

Rainbow Corner has been part of our wider family for years. My younger sisters, who are now in their mid and late twenties, also attended. It really shows what a lasting and important role it plays across generations in our family.

As parents it's rare to find an environment that feels this much like a community, and losing that would leave a huge gap in our children's formative years. We genuinely can't imagine our family's routine or our children's development without the support of the Rainbow Corner team. We truly hope it can continue for the sake of all the families who rely on their exceptional care.