

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

Policy Statement

It is my policy to provide children with healthy, balanced and nutritious meals, snacks and drinks.

Those responsible for the preparation and handling of food will have achieved level 2 in food safety.

Policy Procedure

I will collect, record and act on information from parents about a child's dietary requirements.

Where parents provide meals for their children to eat in my setting I will provide chilled storage for packed lunches and appropriate storage areas for other foodstuffs.

I will also provide children with clean and age-appropriate crockery and utensils.

I will respect the diversity of practice around mealtimes e.g. Use of chopsticks or fingers for eating.

I will provide children with healthy meals, snacks and drinks as appropriate and recommended by the Food Standards Agency literature. See sample menu.

I will ensure fresh drinking water is available at all times, both in and outside my setting.

As a provider of meals and snacks I am aware of my responsibilities under food hygiene legislation. This includes, if necessary, registration with the relevant Local Authority Environmental Health Department. If this is the case then I am happy to have my premises inspected by a food safety officer.

Baby changing areas will not be near food preparation areas.

I will ensure that I and everyone caring for children, as well as children themselves, are aware of good hand washing procedures and how these are carried out.

I will not undertake laundry during times of food preparation and I will ensure that any soiled clothing or detergents will not come into contact with food preparation areas.

If there is an outbreak of food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on my premises, I will notify Ofsted as soon as possible but definitely within 14 days of the incident occurring in order to comply with regulations.

I will keep all food receipts, including those under £10, so that if there is an outbreak of food poisoning on my premises I will be able to trace the outlet where the food was purchased.

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