

FOOD AND DRINK

Food and drink

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

Procedure (how I will put the statement into practice)

Before a child is admitted I will obtain information about any special dietary requirements, preferences and food allergies, and any special health requirements

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

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

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

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.

I will keep pets out of the food preparation area at all times. If a family pet does gain access to this area then I will ensure that all work surfaces and cooking utensils have been thoroughly cleaned before any food preparation or food handling takes place.

Baby changing facilities will not be near food preparation areas.

I will ensure that I, as well as the 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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This policy supports the following requirements and standards:

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Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements
Health, Food and Drink