

### **Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health**

Where children are provided with meals, snacks and drinks, they must be healthy, balanced and nutritious.

## **6.6 Food hygiene (January 2023)**

### **Policy statement**

In our setting, we provide and serve food snacks for children on the following basis:

- Snacks
- Packed lunches (brought from home)

We maintain the highest possible food hygiene standards with regard to the purchase, storage, preparation and serving of food.

### **Procedures**

- All staff are responsible for food preparation and understand the principles of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) as it applies to our pre-school. The basis for this is risk assessment of the purchase, storage, preparation and serving of food to prevent growth of bacteria and food contamination.
- All staff involved in the preparation and handling of food have received training in food hygiene and follow the guidelines of 'Safer Food, Better Business' (Food Standards Agency).
- We use reliable suppliers for the food we purchase.
- Food is stored at correct temperatures and is checked to ensure it is in-date and not subject to contamination by pests, rodents or mould.
- Food preparation areas are cleaned before use as well as after use.
- There are separate facilities for hand-washing and for washing up.
- All surfaces are clean and non-porous.
- All utensils, crockery etc are clean and stored appropriately.
- Waste food is disposed of daily.
- Cleaning materials and other dangerous materials are stored out of children's reach.
- Children do not have access to the either kitchen.
- When children take part in cooking activities, they:
  - are supervised at all times
  - understand the importance of hand washing and simple hygiene rules
  - are kept away from hot surfaces and hot water

### Reporting of food poisoning

- Food poisoning can occur for a number of reasons - not all cases of sickness or diarrhoea are as a result of food poisoning and not all cases of sickness or diarrhoea are reportable.
- Where children and/or adults have been diagnosed by a GP or hospital doctor to be suffering from food poisoning and where it seems possible that the source of the outbreak is within the setting, the Manager will contact the Environmental Health Department and the Health Protection Agency to report the outbreak and will comply with any investigation.
- If the food poisoning is identified as a notifiable disease under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1988 the setting will report the matter to Ofsted.

### **Legal Framework**

- Regulation (EC) 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Hygiene of Foodstuffs

### **Further guidance**

- *Safer Food Better Business* (Food Standards Agency 2011)