

HEALTH AND SAFETY – FOOD HYGIENE

Policy Statement

Every child has the right to the best possible health (Article 24, U.N.C.R.C). We aim to provide nutritious food so that our children can stay healthy. In our setting we provide and serve food on the following basis:

- Snacks
- Lunch club – parents provide a healthy pack lunch in a named suitable container which is stored in our fridge.

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

Procedures

- All staff involved in the preparation and handling of food have received training in food hygiene.
- The person responsible for food preparation and serving carries out daily opening and closing checks on the kitchen to ensure standards are met consistently.
- We use reliable suppliers for the food we purchase.
- Food is stored at the correct temperatures and is checked to ensure it is in-date and not subject to contamination by pests 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.
- Children do not have unsupervised access to the 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; and
 - Do not have unsupervised access to electrical equipment such as blenders etc.

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 the source of the outbreak is within the setting, the Leader will contact the Environmental Health Department to report the outbreak and will comply with any investigation.
- Any confirmed cases of food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on the premises are notified to Ofsted as soon as reasonably practicable, and always within 14 days of the incident.

Legal Framework

- Regulation (EC) 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the hygiene of foodstuffs.

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Karen Richardson (Treasurer)

Signed on behalf of the Committee: _____

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