



Registered Charity No: 1130840
School Mead, Abbots Langley, WD5 0LB
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Diet – Policy and Practice

The sharing of refreshments plays an important part in the social life of the preschool.

We are a nut-free setting.

The Preschool will ensure that:

Before a child attends the setting we will find out from parents/carers their child's dietary needs and preferences, including any allergies. This information is recorded on the registration form that is signed by parents/carers and on the initial child profile that is completed by parents for their child's keyperson.

Parents are requested to keep staff up to date with any changes to their child's dietary needs.

Children's medical and personal dietary requirements are respected.

A multi-cultural diet is offered to ensure that children from all backgrounds encounter familiar tastes and that all children have the opportunity to try unfamiliar foods.

The dietary rules of religious groups, vegetarians and vegans are known and met in appropriate ways.

All snacks provided are nutritious, avoiding large quantities of fat, sugar, salt, additives, preservatives, and colourings.

All staff are made aware of children's dietary needs and allergies are noted on the wall in the kitchen.

Children will be offered a choice of drink and snack at snack time. The snack offered in the afternoon will be different from the snack offered in the morning to allow children who attend all day to be offered a variety of snack.

Milk provided for the children is semi-skimmed.

We provide children with utensils that are appropriate for their stage of development and take account of eating practices in their cultures.

We use snack time to help the children develop independence through making choices.

Snack time and the Lunch Club provides a time for staff to reinforce issues surrounding healthy eating.

We have fresh drinking water available at all times. The children are encouraged to ask for water and are encouraged to help themselves any time during the session.

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At least one member of staff holds a Food Health and Hygiene Certificate.

Lunch Club:

We inform parents about suitable containers for food.

We do not permit children to swap or share food.

We inform parents about keeping packed lunches cool with ice blocks.

We encourage parents to provide a balanced lunch for their child.

We encourage staff to sit with the children to make it a social occasion.

Coronavirus Measures

During the Coronavirus Pandemic we are taking extra measures to ensure that our food service is served hygienically and in a way that encourages choice and independence.

During this time, the children are encouraged to wash their hands regularly (Please see Health and safety policy, Coronavirus Policy)

We operate a rolling snack policy to offer children the choice of when they would like to have snack.

Children are encouraged to choose what they would like for snack, with age/developmentally appropriate adult guidance. Staff to assist the child to serve themselves.

Children are encouraged to return their plate and cup to the kitchen once they have finished.

Please see other relevant policies:

Health and Safety policy

Coronavirus Policy

Legal Framework

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

Further guidance

Safer Food, Better Business

www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/regulation/hygleg/hyglegresources/sfbb/

This Policy was adopted at a meeting of Breakspeare Community Preschool held:.....

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Signed on behalf of the Committee:

Name: Signature:

Signed on behalf of the Preschool:

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This policy will be reviewed annually in September

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