



Happy Days Childminding

Food and drink

Policy statement: Food and drink

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 be competent to do so.

Procedure (how I will put the statement into practice)

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 eating 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.

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.

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, and everyone caring for children, 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.

Childminder's name	
Childminder's signature	
Date	
Parent(s)' name	
Parent(s)' signature	
Date	

Date policy was written	
This policy is due for review on the following date	

This policy supports the following requirements and standards:

England

Meeting the Early Years Foundation Stage welfare requirements

Safeguarding and promoting children's welfare

The provider must promote the good health of the children in their care.