

Mel Andrew Daycare Food and Drink policy

It is my policy that when children are provided with meals, snacks and drinks, in my setting, most of these must be healthy, balanced and nutritious.

Procedure (how I will put the statement into practice)

- I will obtain, 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 clean and age appropriate crockery and cutlery to enable the children to eat a packed lunch.
- Children will be provided mostly with healthy meals and other healthy snacks and drinks as appropriate and recommended by the Food Standards Agency literature.
- Fresh drinking water will be available at all times.
- As a provider of meals and snacks I am aware of my responsibilities under food hygiene legislation. I am registered with the relevant Local Authority Environmental Health Department and have had my home inspected.
- I attended a food hygiene course, and currently hold a Level 2 certificate since March 2007.
- Baby changing facilities will not be near 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.

I have read and understand the food and drink policy.

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Childminder's signature	
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