

## **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**

(Including procedure for reporting food poisoning)

#### **Policy statement**

We provide a healthy snack for our children at MPS a lunchtime club is also offered with the individual parents supplying their children's lunches.

We maintain the highest possible food hygiene standards with regard to the purchase, storage, preparation and serving of food. This is checked on a daily basis and a risk assessment is carried out daily - (red file in kitchen)

#### **Procedures**

- At least one person has an in-date Food Hygiene Certificate.
- 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.
- Packed lunches are stored in a cool place; un-refrigerated food is served to children within 4 hours of preparation at home.
- 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 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.

#### *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.

- Any confirmed cases of food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after on the premises the setting will also be notified to Ofsted as soon as is 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

This policy was adopted on

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Date to be reviewed

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Signed on behalf of the management

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Name of signatory

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