

Food hygiene

***Dare Valley Nature Kindergarten* ensures the practice of storing, preparing and serving food meets (or exceeds) regulations for a food provider.**

We do this by:

- Requiring identified members of staff to attend the Outdoor Food hygiene training.
- Following recommendations in Welsh Government Food and Health Guidelines for Early Years and Childcare Settings (2009) <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/health/improvement/index/guidelines/?lang=en>
- Ensuring staff wear appropriate clean clothing and wash their hands before handling food.
- Providing separate sinks for food preparation and hand washing in line with Food Standards Agency requirements.
- Ensuring the kitchen area is free from contamination such as infestation of rodents, flies, etc.
- Maintaining separate cleaning materials for kitchen and toilet areas.
- Ensuring appropriate hygienic handling and disposal of waste in covered bins that are not within reach of children.
- Keeping tea towels and hand towels for kitchen use separate, and washed between sessions.
- Cleaning kitchen utensils after use and storing them in a dust-free place such as a closed cupboard or drawer.
- Including kitchen usage in the premises and equipment risk assessment so that damaged work surfaces cracked or chipped china are not used.
- Preparing raw and cooked food in separate areas.
- Keeping food and drink covered and at the appropriate temperature.
- Asking parents/carers to supply any food and drinks in appropriate containers so that it can be stored until use at appropriate temperatures.
- Serving food and drink at a temperature and consistency that is safe and suitable for consumption.
- Serving any food and drink that requires heating immediately so that it is not left standing. No food or drink is reheated.

- Washing fresh fruit and vegetables thoroughly before use.
- Providing a separate area for preparation and storage of baby foods.
- Providing a separate fridge and preparation area for babies' bottled feeds.

Food as an activity

When cooking or handling food as an activity Dare Valley Nature Kindergarten takes full account of the above.

This **Food Hygiene** policy and procedure was passed for use in Dare Valley Nature Kindergarten

On:

By:

Position:

Date of planned review: (annually)

For more information on our next Outdoor Food Hygiene course please visit us at:

<http://igniteup.co.uk/events/outdoor-food-hygiene-course-cieh-level-2-award-in-food-safety-in-catering/>