

Food Hygiene

All food given to children at snack is considered healthy. Dates are considered and adhered to. Any fare share products given are examined for deterioration and discarded if any is found. These products will only be a day after their best before dates.

When preparing snack all children and staff will wash hands, clean tables and talk to children about being hygienic. Children are encouraged to cut fruit alongside a member of staff. They will discuss the need to be healthy by keeping hands, surfaces and equipment clean and not picking food up from the floor. Children are encouraged to wash up their own cup, plate and knife but these are washed up by an adult before being put away.

At lunch all staff will supervise children washing hands and explain why this is necessary. A member of staff will clean all tables and ensure plates, spoons and a sharp knife are available.

All cleaning chemicals are kept out of the reach of children, and children do not have access to the kitchen.

All our staff have completed food hygiene training.

Cooking Activities

When children take part in cooking activities:-

- They are supervised at all times.
- They understand the importance of hand washing and simple hygiene rules.
- Are kept away from hot surfaces and hot water.
- Are not allowed access to electrical equipment.

Reporting of food poisoning.

Food poisoning can occur for a number of reasons; not all cases of sickness and diarrhea are as a result of food poisoning and not all cases of sickness and diarrhea are reportable.

- Where children and/or adults have been diagnosed by the hospital or GP to be suffering from food poisoning, and where it seems possible that the source of the outbreak is within Harvey Bears the manager will contact the Environmental Health Department and comply with any investigation.
- The manager will notify OFSTED as soon as is reasonably practicable of any confirmed cases of food poisoning affecting two or more children looked after within the premises. (This must be done within 14 days.)

- Do not have unsupervised access to electrical equipment.